

**THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES APPLICANTS FOR CIRCUIT COURT
JUDICIAL VACANCIES**

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As a result of the circuit court vacancies created by the retirement of Judge Vivian Corvo and the resignation of Judge Rex Barbas in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Governor Ron DeSantis has convened the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to select and submit the names of highly qualified candidates to fill the vacancies. The following individuals have applied for the vacancies:

Circuit Court Vacancy Applicants

Judge Michael C. Baggé-Hernández
Alicia Whiting Bozich
Christine S. Brown
Judge Jessica G. Costello
Travis J. Coy
Matthew L. Felix
Judge Michael J. Hooi
E. Michael Isaak
Ashley Ivanov
Joseph W. Kudia
Judge J. Logan Murphy
Sara K. Peacock
Shirin Rustomji
Judge Leslie Schultz-Kin
Natalia B. Silver
Judge Joseph M. Tompkins
Judge Miriam V. Valkenburg

The Commission encourages and seeks comments regarding the qualifications of these applicants from the public and from members of the Bench and Bar. Comments may be addressed to Max Amster, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, and emailed to max@veridismgmt.com, or mailed to Max Amster, 1700 S. MacDill Ave, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33629. Comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on July 13, 2023**, to be considered by the Commission.

Interviews will be conducted on **August 3rd**, at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 101 E Kennedy Blvd Suite 2800, Tampa, FL 33602. Applicants will be contacted to confirm the time and location of the interviews. A complete interview schedule will be published in advance of the interviews. A remote appearance option will also be made available for the public to attend the interviews.

All proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Questions about the application or interview process should be directed to the Chair, Max Amster or Vice Chair, Pedro Bajo.

The members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are:

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