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Twelfth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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The Twelfth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Gov. Ron DeSantis with nominees for a vacancy for judgeship in the Sarasota County Court, created by Sarasota County Judge David Ryan Felix's elevation to the Circuit Court.

Applicants must have been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years, a registered voter, and a resident of the territorial jurisdiction of the Court at the time of assuming office.

Applications may be downloaded from **The Florida Bar's website** and the **Office of the Governor**.

All people interested in applying must deliver the following for the vacancy:

1) A complete paper version of the application along with a current photograph to:

Pat Neal, chair, 12th Circuit JNC
Neal Communities
5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34240
pneal@nealcommunities.com

- 2) A .pdf version of the complete application with a color photograph to pneal@nealcommunities.com.
- 3) A redacted version of the application excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119, F.S., or other applicable public records law to pneal@nealcommunities.com.

THE ATTACHED .PDF FILES SHOULD BE NAMED SO THAT THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND "REDACTED" OR "UNREDACTED" IS READILY APPARENT IN THE NAME OF THE ATTACHMENT.

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on December 29, 2023. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: All questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applications should include current and accurate contact information for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references, as those individuals will likely be contacted.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held on January 12, 2024, at the Sarasota County Judicial Center, located at 2002 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, Florida 34237. Members of the bench, Bar, and public are encouraged to contact members of the commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. A complete listing for each member is available on the Florida Bar's Website **www.floridabar.org**.

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