

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission**

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May 1, 2020

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Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission  
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**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE POSITION**

The following is a list of the applicants for the position of Circuit Court Judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Wm. Bruce Smith. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order.

1. Gregory K. Atkinson  
General Magistrate  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84761064045>
2. Heather E.W. Beato  
Assistant State Attorney,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Sebring, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86454475510>
3. Harold V. Bennett, III  
Assistant State Attorney,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85493566172>
4. David R. Carmichael  
Attorney  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86164076292>
5. Josephine Colon  
Assistant State Attorney,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81563244266>
6. Donald E. Conway  
Senior Attorney  
Florida Department of Transportation  
District 1  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89355660088>
7. Eric S. Gardner, Jr.  
Assistant Public Defender  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84719846888>
8. Mary Catherine Green  
County Court Judge,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738535941>
9. Kevin M. Kohl  
Attorney  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83370707390>
10. Cachina King Patterson  
Regional Counsel  
Office 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Appeals  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81959820712>

11. Adam D. Patton  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88340688175>
12. Brenda P. Ramirez  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435895554>
13. Jennifer A. Swenson  
Assistant State Attorney,  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82775843050>
14. William J. Twyford  
Attorney  
Winter Haven  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82143462729>
15. John C. Waters  
Attorney  
Lakeland, Florida  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85897883255>

Interviews will be conducted by the Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission on May 12, 2020, via videoconference, through the Zoom application. Interviews will commence at approximately 9:00 a.m. on May 12, 2020 and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Lydia S. Zbrzezny, Krista Mahalak, Patrice F. Behnstedt, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Frederick Murphy, Edward Blake Paul, Robert S. Swaine, and Richard E. Straughn.

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