

NINTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ORANGE COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL VACANCY

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ORLANDO – Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with names of highly qualified nominees for one Orange County Court judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Maureen Bell.

The Commission requires interested candidates to submit a complete application for consideration. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The individuals appointed must reside in Orange County at the time that he or she assumes office.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar’s website at www.floridabar.org or the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com. Applicants must include a recent photograph, preferably as a cover page.

Applicants must submit a complete application to Chair Tara L. Tedrow, Esq. at Tara.Tedrow@lowndes-law.com by **April 24, 2020, at Noon (12:00 p.m.)**. The Commission will be holding interviews remotely on **May 13, 2020**.

Please note that the Commission already received applications for another Orange County Court judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Clark. Any applicants who already applied by the April 17th deadline for the vacancy created by Judge Clark do not need to apply again; their applications will automatically be considered. The May 7, 2020 interview date has been cancelled; interviews for candidates to fill both vacancies will now be held on May 13, 2020.

The Commission encourages applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible. Any application received after the noon deadline will not be considered. Applicants must e-mail the complete application in .pdf format. Applicants must also e-mail a second .pdf version of the application with personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. The two .pdf files should be named in the following “last name.first name” format as an example, so use the applicant’s own name: Doe.John.pdf and Doe.John-REDACTED.pdf. No paper applications will be accepted.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. The submitted application must include the financial disclosures and a writing sample, and the requested recent photograph. Applications must also include current contact information, *including e-mail addresses*, for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that members of the Commission will conduct.

Members of the bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed or mailed to all commissioners at any time before the interviews begin:

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The Commission will remotely conduct interviews on May 13, 2020. Applicants will be notified by e-mail as to their interview time and the meeting information once the schedule is made after the application deadline. A complete interview schedule will be available on the Governor's website at a later time. If there are any questions about the application process, please contact the Chair of the JNC, Tara L. Tedrow, at (407) 418-6361.