

**TWELFTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
NAMES OF APPLICANTS GRANTED INTERVIEWS FOR  
COUNTY SEAT CREATED BY RESIGNATION  
OF JUDGE ROBERT FARRANCE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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SARASOTA - The Twelfth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces that it will meet Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 starting at 9:00 am and continuing until the meeting is concluded. The purpose of the meeting will be to interview applicants to fill the Manatee County Court seat created by the resignation of County Court Judge Robert Farrance.

The Applicants selected for Interview by the Judicial Nominating Commission, along with the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Nominating Commissioner designated to conduct further investigation of said Applicant, are as follows:

Applicant

Alison Clough  
Hillary Ellis  
Adria M. Jensen  
Andrea Johnson  
Paul Olah  
Jacqueline B. Steele

JNC Investigative Commissioner

Hunter Norton- [hnorton@shumaker.com](mailto:hnorton@shumaker.com)  
Nancy Cason- [ncason@smrl.com](mailto:ncason@smrl.com)  
Carly Lambert- [carly@phpchtd.com](mailto:carly@phpchtd.com)  
Bonnie Polk – [bpolk@williamsparker.com](mailto:bpolk@williamsparker.com)  
Ron Filipowski- [filipkowski4law@aol.com](mailto:filipkowski4law@aol.com)  
James Rolfes- [jrolfes@dglawyers.com](mailto:jrolfes@dglawyers.com)

The Commission encourages individuals with information regarding the character, fitness and qualification for judicial appointment of any the above applicants to reach out to the JNC Investigative Commissioner assigned to said Applicant, via email or phone call, as set forth above. Contact for comments are not limited to the assigned commissioner.

The Applicant Interview schedule and agenda for the interviews to be held by the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit JNC on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will proceed is as follows:

Location: ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

- a) 9:00 a.m. Call meeting to order --Open to the Public
- b) 9:00 a.m.-9:10-
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2020 meeting
- c) 9:10 – 9:30 a.m. Recess for background briefing on candidates—(Closed session)
- d) 9:30 a.m.- 1:15 Applicant interviews –
  - 1. 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Alison Clough
  - 2. 10:20 a.m. -11:05 a.m. Hillary Ellis
  - 3. 11:10 a.m. -11:55 p.m. Jacqueline Steele
  - 4. 12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. Adria M. Jensen
  - 5. 12:35 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Andrea Johnson
  - 6. 1:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Paul Olah
  - 7. 1:15 p.m.-completion Final Deliberations (Closed deliberative session)
- e) Adjournment of meeting

### **Call in information**

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The 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission members are: Varinia Van Ness (Chairwoman), Hunter Norton (Vice-Chair), Nancy Cason, Pat Neal, Bonnie Polk, Will Robinson, Carly Lambert, Ron Filipkowski, and James Rolfes.

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