

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY**  
**FOR FLORIDA'S FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL**

**Notice of Accepting Applications**

Due to the resignation of the Honorable James R. Wolf, Judge of the First District Court of Appeal, the Judicial Nomination Commission has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for this vacant position on or before May 4, 2020.

**Qualifications of Applications:**

All applicants must be electors of the State of Florida, members of The Florida Bar for at least ten (10) years and residents of the First District prior to taking office. See, Article V, section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

**Instructions for Submission:**

- 1) Judicial applications must be *received* before **6:00 p.m. EDT /5:00 p.m. CDT on April 1, 2020** at the following electronic addresses:

Attn: First District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
c/o Richard Doran, Chair  
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Applications submitted after the deadline WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

- 2) The application, which can be downloaded from the Florida Bar website ([www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org)) or Governor Ron DeSantis's website <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>, must include:
  - One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application (either as a .PDF or in Microsoft Word), and One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application (either as a .PDF or in Microsoft Word) with personal information redacted as permitted by Section 119.071, Florida Statutes in a format suitable for production in response to a public records request.
- 3) To assist the Commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered.
- 4) Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers), including e-mail addresses for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the commission.

- 5) A recent photograph should be attached to the original and the copy;
- 6) All letters of recommendation in your possession that you wish the Commission to consider. Recommendations may also be sent as supplements after the application is submitted. The Commission prefers that letters be scanned and emailed to the above email addresses given time constraints;
- 7) Copies of the applicant's completed Federal Income Tax Returns for the preceding three (3) years OR the completed Financial History and Form 6 contained in the application. NOTE: if you are practicing law as a professional association, your tax returns for the three (3) year period should include the tax returns for the professional association; (These shall be transmitted electronically together with the original of the application.)
- 8) Any additional information which you feel may be helpful to the Commission in assessing your qualifications
- 9) After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants to interview. If you are to be interviewed, you will be contacted to confirm the date, time and location.
- 10) Proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, you should not expect the fact that you have applied to be kept confidential.
- 11) If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Governor.
- 12) If there is any question about the application process, please contact Chair Richard Doran at the email address above. Do not contact any other Commissioner regarding your application or the process.

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Members of the bench, the Bar and the public are urged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.