

**NOTICE OF LAKE COUNTY COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 1, 2020**

**Contact: Robert W. Batsel, Jr., Chair  
Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission**

The Fifth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a vacancy in the Fifth Judicial Circuit for Lake County Court Judge due to the elevation of Circuit Judge Cary Rada. Applicants must fulfill the Constitutional qualifications before assuming the office of County Court Judge, which require the appointee to be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years, a resident of Lake County, and a registered voter in the State of Florida.

Applications may be downloaded from The Florida Bar's website and are also available from the Chair:

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Applicants must submit a fully completed, signed, original and one hard copy of the application, along with one electronic copy and one electronic redacted copy (redacting any exempt information under Florida law) which must be delivered to the Chair at the address stated above. Please submit a CD or thumb drive containing the application and attachments in PDF format.

**The deadline for submitting the applications is Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.** No applications will be accepted after such date and time. Applications deemed incomplete may be rejected in their entirety in the Commission's discretion.

**All interviews are scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2020.** Applicants will be notified of interview times via email. Due to current challenges posed by COVID-19, the interviews will be held electronically via Zoom conference, which will be accessible to applicants, members of the Judicial Nominating Commission, and members of the public.

To participate in the JNC meeting or interviews via Zoom, please visit the following website:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7961162009?pwd=a2VrbytGbWh3aTZQa1EyS3dPU3VaQT09>.

When prompted, enter the following Meeting ID and Password:

Meeting ID: 7961162009  
Password: 034234

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

Members of the Fifth Judicial Nominating Commission are Robert W. Batsel, Jr. (Chair), Shanta Nicole Matthews (Vice Chair), Anita G. Carver, Matthew Foreman, Zachary J. McCormick, Jennifer C. Rey, Charles K. Ruse, Jr., and Vanessa Thomas. A complete listing and contact information for each member is available on The Florida Bar's website.