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**FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
ANNOUNCES DUVAL COUNTY COURT VACANCY AND INTERVIEW DATE**

As a result of the retirement of The Honorable Pauline M. Drake, there is a vacancy on the Duval County Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees for this vacancy.

Complete unredacted **and** redacted applications (see below for more information) for this vacancy must be received **before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020** at the following physical address: Jacob A. Brown, 50 N. Laura Street, Suite 3100, Jacksonville, FL 32202. PDF versions of both forms of completed application, including a digital photograph, sent via e-mail to: [jacob.brown@akerman.com](mailto:jacob.brown@akerman.com) would also be appreciated but are not required.

Application forms may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at [www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org) or the Office of the Governor at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com).

Interviews will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2020** in Chief Judge Mark Mahon's Chambers on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Duval County Courthouse.

**Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered.** Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for Judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Personal information not subject to public disclosure should be redacted on a separate copy of the application as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. To assist the commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. 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.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect that their application be kept confidential.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Governor DeSantis's Office.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact Jacob A. Brown at the number above. *Applicants shall not initiate contact with the Commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Governor DeSantis unless questions pertain to the application process only.*