

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**April 16, 2020**  
**Contact: Robert W. Batsel, Jr., Chair**  
**Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission**

The Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission announces a vacancy in the Fifth Judicial Circuit for Circuit Court Judge due to the retirement of Circuit Judge Mark J. Hill. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The appointee must be a resident of Marion County, Lake County, Hernando County, Citrus County or Sumter County at the time he/she assumes office.

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 Monday, May 4, 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 set for Friday, May 15, 2020,** at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778. Applicants, members of the Judicial Nominating Commission, and members of the public will also have the opportunity to participate electronically via Zoom Conference. Information regarding electronic attendance and applicant interview times will be established and advertised at a later date. Applicants will be notified of interview times by email.

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, Charles K. Ruse, Jr., James T. Schatt, Vanessa Thomas, Jennifer C. Rey, Zachary J. McCormick and Matthew Foreman. A complete listing for each member is available on The Florida Bar's website.