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20TH CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA JNC NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY

The 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Gov. Ron DeSantis with nominees to fill a vacancy for the 20th Judicial Circuit Court created by the pending retirement of Circuit Judge G. Keith Cary.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution (have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years, a registered voter, and a resident of the territorial jurisdiction of the court at the time he or she assumes office). Applications are available for download from The Florida Bar's website (www.floridabar.org) and the Governor's website (www.flgov.com).

All people interested in applying must deliver the following to:

Kathleen M. Fitzgeorge, Chair
20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
Lee County Justice Center Annex
2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Fort Myers, Florida 33902-1980
Phone: 239-533-2911 (main)

1. A complete paper version of the application, including a current photograph;
2. A complete paper version redacted to exclude all exempt information under Chapter 119, F.S., or other applicable public records law;
3. A .pdf version of the complete application, including color photograph, on a flash drive;
4. A .pdf version of the complete redacted application on the same flash drive;

THE .PDF FILES ARE TO BE NAMED SO THAT THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND "REDACTED" OR "UNREDACTED" IS READILY APPARENT AS THE NAME OF THE FILE, i.e. Smith, Jane (Unredacted)

The **deadline for submission of an application is 4 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2020.**
Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of the application, all questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applications must include up-to-date and accurate contact information, *including e-mail addresses and current phone numbers* for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references, to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at the Law Office of Kathy Smith, Public Defender for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, at the Lee County Justice Center Annex, 2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Fort Myers, Florida 33902. Members of the bench, bar, and public

are encouraged to contact members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions and are invited to attend the interviews.

Members of the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are:

Kathleen M. Fitzgeorge, Chair

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