

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: August 13, 2020

Contact: Aaron A. Haak, Chair  
Sanjay Kurian, Vice Chair  
20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

The Twentieth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a judicial vacancy in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court resulting from the retirement of Circuit Judge George Richards.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five (5) years, a registered voter and must be a resident of the territorial jurisdiction of the court at the time he or she assumes office.

The current application\* may be downloaded from The Florida Bar's website ([www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org)), the Governor's website ([www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com)) and is also available from the office of the Chair:

Aaron A. Haak, Chair  
Knott Ebelini Hart  
1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
(239) 334-2722

Anyone who wishes to be considered for appointment must submit the following:

- One (1) original application
- One (1) paper copy
- One (1) electronic copy
- One (1) electronic copy redacted of any information not subject to public disclosure.

The submission of a color photograph is required with the completed application.

**The original and electronic copies must be delivered to the Chair, Aaron A. Haak, at the office address printed above. The original and copies must be printed on paper. The electronic copies must be in PDF format and must be submitted on a USB flash drive.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS IS MONDAY, AUGUST 24, AT 2:00 PM.**

**Incomplete applications, obsolete forms of application, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Interviews will be conducted on Friday, September 11, 2020. The list of the candidates who will be interviewed, and schedule of interviews will be announced on Friday, September 4, 2020.

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

Any person who wishes to submit a letter regarding any applicant must submit that letter in PDF format by email to [jnc20thcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:jnc20thcircuit@gmail.com). Letters that are submitted in any other manner will be disregarded and not considered.

Members of the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are:

Mike Carr, Esq.  
Aaron A. Haak, Esq. (Chair)  
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A complete listing for each member is available from The Florida Bar's website or from the Chair.

\*Please note that the current application is a new application from that used previously.