

**Judicial Nominating Commission, Fifth District Court of Appeal
Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

MINUTES

1. The conference call began at 2:30 p.m.

2. Attendees:

Michael C. Sasso, Chair
David de Armas
Lauren Blocker
Carrie Eisnaugle

Amanda Perry Carl, Vice Chair
Andy Bardos
Vincent A. Citro
M. Scott Thomas

Not in attendance: Craig Dyer

3. Chairman Sasso discussed the recent announcement of the vacancy on the Fifth District Court of Appeal and noted the deadline for applications is Monday, October 12, 2020.
4. The Commissioners discussed two options for interviews of candidates, in-person or via Zoom. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to in-person interviews to take place at the Fifth District Court of Appeal on November 9, 10 and 12, 2020. Chairman Sasso has confirmed with Judge Evander and Marshal Crawford the availability of the Library at the Fifth District Court of Appeal for those dates. All COVID 19 procedures will be followed.
5. Once applications have been received, Chairman Sasso explained he will circulate vetting assignments, announcement of candidates and interview schedule, tentatively November 9 and 10, 2020. November 12, 2020, will be used, only if necessary, for spillover if there are an extremely large number of applicants.
6. Chairman Sasso emphasized Governor DeSantis' deadline of November 15, 2020.
7. All Commissioners are available for the next meeting of the Commissioners to take place on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.