

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
NOTICE OF APPLICANTS FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission received applications from the individuals listed below to fill the vacancy on the First Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court created by the authorization and funding of a new judgeship effective July 1, 2021. **The JNC will convene at 8:00 AM on Monday, September 27, 2021, at the Ernie Lee Magaha Government Building, 221 Palafox Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 0.605, Pensacola, Florida.** The interviews will be conducted with each applicant at the times indicated below.

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| 1.  | Jennifer H. Copus      | 8:30 AM  |
| 2.  | Jessica S. Etherton    | 9:00 AM  |
| 3.  | Michelle A. Inere      | 9:30 AM  |
| 4.  | Patrick S. King        | 10:00 AM |
| 5.  | Kristina D. Lightel    | 10:30 AM |
| 6.  | Frederick V. Longmire  | 11:00 AM |
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| 7.  | Keith A. McIver        | 12:30 PM |
| 8.  | Wanda J. Morgan        | 1:00 PM  |
| 9.  | Jonathan V. Schlechter | 1:30 PM  |
| 10. | David L. Stevens       | 2:00 PM  |
| 11. | Thomas H. Williams     | 2:30 PM  |

All interviews are open to the public. Deliberations will be conducted in closed session.

AGENDA:	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	JNC Deliberation
	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	Interviews
	11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Interviews
	3:00 p.m. until adjourned	JNC Deliberation

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to attend is asked to contact the Chair at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting by telephone (850) 595-4970 or via email [kdhual@myescambia.com](mailto:kdhual@myescambia.com).

In its effort to select the most qualified applicants for nomination to Governor DeSantis, the Judicial Nominating Commission requests members of the legal community and the public to

provide pertinent information (based upon personal knowledge) regarding any applicant. Information about applicants may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Personal attributes such as integrity, moral conduct, and ethics;
2. Competency and experience, which would include professional reputation, knowledge of the law, and knowledge of and experience in court; and
3. Judicial capabilities such as patience, decisiveness, courtesy, civility, temperament, and respect.

Information and comments may be addressed to Kristin D. Hual, Chair, Judicial Nominating Commission, First Judicial Circuit, 221 Palafox Place, Suite 430, Pensacola, FL 32502, (850) 595-4970, or you may contact any other member of the Commission. Letters of recommendation should be emailed or mailed to all commissioners.

A list of the members of the First Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is available at the Office of the Governor's website at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com).