From: Kenneth B. Evers, Chair
Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Re: Applications Received for Polk County Court Judge Position

Date: September 11, 2014

The following is a list of the applicants for the Polk County Court vacancy due to the appointment of Judge J. Kevin Abdoney to the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge vacancy, effective August 4, 2014. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order.

1) Gregory K. Atkinson
   General Magistrate, 10th Judicial Circuit
   Bartow, Florida

2) Stacey McNelis Berkowitz
   Attorney, Colon & McNelis, P.A.
   Bartow, Florida

3) Paul J. Blenk
   Attorney, Blenk Law, P.A.
   Bartow, Florida

4) Kelly Paige Butz
   Attorney, Sharit, Bunn & Chilton, P.A.
   Winter Haven, Florida

5) David Ralph Carmichael
   Attorney, Boswell & Dunlap, LLP
   Bartow, FL 33830

6) Janese Caruthers
   Attorney, Brown, Suarez, Rios & Weinberg, P.A.
   Fort Myers, Florida

7) Lee Adam Cohen
   Attorney, Cohen & Best, P.A.
   Lakeland, Florida
8) Gary Richard Ellis  
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

9) Sanford M. Estroff  
Attorney, Estroff Law Office  
Lakeland, Florida

10) Eric Scott Gardner, Jr.  
Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

11) Kenneth Hadley  
Attorney, Florida Department of Transportation  
Bartow, Florida

12) L. Mark Kaylor  
Attorney, Kaylor, Kaylor & Leto, P.A.  
Winter Haven, Florida

13) Kevin M. Kohl  
Attorney, Kevin M. Kohl, P.A.  
Lake Wales, Florida

14) Mitchell A. Ladner  
Attorney, Lopez & Humphries, P.A.  
Winter Haven, Florida

15) Caroline E. Johnson Levine  
Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Tampa, Florida

16) Michael Patrick McDaniel  
Attorney, McDaniel Law Firm, P.A.  
Bartow, Florida

17) Robert Earl Pyle, Jr.  
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida

18) David E. Stamey, Jr.  
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Bartow, Florida
Interviews will be conducted by the Nominating Committee on Monday, September 22, 2014, at Frost Van den Boom, P.A., 395 South Central Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830. Interviews will commence at approximately 8:00 a.m. on September 22, 2014, and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Kenneth B. Evers, Richard E. Straughn, Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Timothy McCausland, Victor Smith, Donald Wilson, Jr., John Hugh Shannon, Robert Swaine, and Cassandra Larkin Denmark.

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