

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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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

- 19) Jeffrey Robert Sullivan
Attorney, Stidham & Stidham, P.A.
Bartow, Florida
- 20) Anthony W. Surber
Attorney, Surber Law, P.A.
Mulberry, Florida
- 21) Walter C. Thomas, Jr.
Attorney, Walter Thomas, P.A.
Lakeland, Florida
- 22) David Tracy Thornhill, Jr.
Attorney, Shapiro, Fishman & Gache, LLP
Tampa, Florida
- 23) Chrystal Shellette Thornton
Attorney, C. Martin Law, P.A.
Lakeland, Florida
- 24) Amanda Maxine Traweek
Administrative Magistrate, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 25) Cheryl D. Westmoreland
Attorney, Department of Children and Families
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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