

**Announcement**  
**Notice of Accepting Applications**

The Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a vacancy on the Hillsborough County Circuit Court created by the appointment of Judge Matt Lucas to the District Court of Appeal. The Commission is now accepting applications for one Circuit Court Judge Position. In order to be appointed, applicants must be residents of Hillsborough County, registered voters, and members of The Florida Bar for the past five years.

Applications can be downloaded from The Florida Bar's web site at [www.floridabar.org](http://www.floridabar.org) by following the "News and Events" link to "Publications" to "Bar Forms & Applications" to "Judicial Nominating Commission applications" to second "Judicial Nominating Commission applications" (click same language twice) to "Application for Judicial seat". Applicants will be asked to provide their names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses to facilitate communication with the Commission.

**Applicants must submit a fully completed original and one copy of the application, along with a photograph attached to the original and to the copy, and one redacted copy of the application, along with a photograph attached to the redacted copy to Terri Gaffney, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, 1311 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 101, Tampa, Florida 33607, no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2015. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please remember to include the new Form 6.**

**In addition to the original and copies, applicants are requested to provide one electronic unredacted (PDF) copy of the application and one electronic redacted (PDF) copy of the application. The electronic applications may be submitted on a USB flash drive or CD Rom. Any material redacted by the applicant must be limited to exempt or confidential information pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, Florida's Public Records Law.**

For candidates who have an application pending in the selection process created by the resignation of Judge Debra Behnke, please submit just the signature pages signed with the current date.

Applicants and the public will be advised in subsequent press releases of dates of Commission meetings relating to filling this vacancy. The Commission will submit the names of nominees for this vacant judgeship to Governor Rick Scott by Monday March 9, 2015.

A list of members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is available from The Florida Bar's website. Questions should be directed to Terri Gaffney, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, at (813) 287-1159 or [terri@overstreetwealth.com](mailto:terri@overstreetwealth.com).