

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
CIRCUIT JUDGE VACANCY  
MIAMI-DADE CIRCUIT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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MIAMI – The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Rick Scott with nominees for the vacancy in the Miami-Dade Circuit Court created by the resignation of **Circuit Court Judge Sarah Zabel**.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

**Applicants must deliver a complete original application by April 24, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. No copies shall be required. Any application delivered after the deadline will not be considered.** The original application should be delivered to:

**Hans Ottinot, Esq.**  
City Attorney's Office for  
the City of Sunny Isles Beach  
18070 Collins Avenue  
4th Floor  
Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160

**In addition to the original application, applicants must e-mail a PDF version of the application to Hans Ottinot, Esq., Chair ([hottinot@sibfl.net](mailto:hottinot@sibfl.net)) with personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.**

Applicants are invited to provide the Chair with a one page sheet listing the date, location and time of hearings or trials that they would want the Commissioners to observe. The one page disclosure sheet is not mandatory and can be provided to the Chair at any time before the interview day. *No information other than the date, location and time should be provided on the one page sheet.*

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at [www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org) and the Office of the Governor at [www.flgov.com](http://www.flgov.com). Applicants should include a recent photograph.

**NOTE TO APPLICANTS:** To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information, including e-mail addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission.

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