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**Contact: Robert W. Batsel, Jr., Chair
Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission**

The Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission announces a vacancy in the Fifth Judicial Circuit for County Court Judge due to the elevation of Judge Brian Welke. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The individual appointed must be a resident of Marion County, Lake County, Hernando County, Citrus County or Sumter County at the time he or she assumes office.

Applications may be downloaded from The Florida Bar's website and are also available from the Chair:

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Applicants must submit a completed, signed, original and one hard copy of the application, along with one electronic copy and one electronic redacted copy (redacting any exempt information under Florida law) which must be delivered to Robert W. Batsel, Jr., Chair of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission. Please submit a CD or thumb drive containing the application and attachments in PDF format.

The deadline for submitting the applications is Friday, May 17, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. No applications will be accepted after such date and time. Applications deemed incomplete may be rejected in their entirety in the Commission's discretion.

All interviews are tentatively set for Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the Lake County Courthouse, Clerk of the Circuit Court's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32278. Interview times will be established at a later date. Applicants will be notified of interview times by email. Please be advised that the Commission may elect to forego interviews of applicants who were recently interviewed for a vacancy.

Members of the bench, bar and public are encouraged to contact members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.

Members of the Fifth Judicial Nominating Commission are Robert W. Batsel, Jr. (Chair), Shanta Nicole Matthews (Vice Chair), Anita G. Carver, Darryl W. Johnston, Charles K. Ruse, Jr., James T. Schatt, Derek A. Schroth, and Vanessa Thomas. A complete listing for each member is available on The Florida Bar's website.