

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
COUNTY JUDGE VACANCIES  
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 DeSantis with nominees for the vacancies in the Miami-Dade County Court created by the elevation of Judge Michelle Barakat and Judge Tanya Brinkley. The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for county court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Applicants must submit three copies (3) of their application by **5:00 pm on Friday April 19, 2019** as follows:

(1): The original unredacted paper application shall be delivered to:

**Hayden P. O’Byrne**  
K&L Gates, LLP  
200 S. Biscayne Blvd. 39th Floor  
Miami, FL 33131-2399

(2): The original unredacted application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: [hayden.obyrne@klgates.com](mailto:hayden.obyrne@klgates.com).

(3): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to [eleventhcircuitjnc@klgates.com](mailto:eleventhcircuitjnc@klgates.com). Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

**Untimely applications will not be considered.** The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows “19.4.17 FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit Application (redacted /unredacted).”

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.

The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will confer at 5:00 p.m. on Monday April 22, 2019 to schedule interviews. A room will be made available to members of the public (K&L Gates, LLP, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd. 39th Floor, Miami, FL 33131) who wish to attend.

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

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