

February 28, 2019
Contact: Derek A. Schroth, Chair
Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
Application Deadline Extension to 3/8/2019

The Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission has extended the application deadline for two vacancies in the Fifth Judicial Circuit for Circuit Court Judge due to the retirements of Circuit Judge Lawrence J. Semento and Circuit Court Judge Don F. Briggs. Applicants must have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years and must be a registered voter. The person appointed must be a resident of Marion County, Lake County, Hernando County, Citrus County or Sumter County at the time he/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 fully 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 Derek A. Schroth, Chair of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission. The electronic copies of the application with attachments should be in PDF form and should be submitted on a CD or thumb drive. All applications received will be considered applications for both vacancies.

The deadline for submitting the applications has been extended to March 8, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. No applications will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on Friday March 8, 2019. Incomplete applications may be rejected in their entirety at the Commission's discretion.

All interviews are set for Friday, March 22, 2019, at the Lake County Judicial Center, Clerk's Executive Conference Room, 3rd Floor, East Wing, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778. Interview times will be established at a later date. Applicants will be notified of their interview time by e-mail.

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