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Governor Rick Scott Appoints Twenty-Seven to Judicial Nominating Commissions

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced twenty-seven appointments to nine Judicial Nominating Commissions.

District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commissions

First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Timothy Volpe, 57, of Jacksonville, is a partner with Adams and Reese. He succeeds Daryl Parks and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Timothy Cerio, 44, of Tallahassee, is a shareholder with GrayRobinson PA. He is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Michael Freed, 46, of Jacksonville, is the managing partner of Brennan, Manna & Diamond PL. He succeeds Barbara C. Johnston and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Harout Samra, 31, of Coral Gables, is a lawyer with DLA Piper LLP. He succeeds Hector Lombana and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Jeffrey Bass, 47, of Miami, is a partner with Shubin & Bass PA. He is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Juan Enjamio, 54, of Miami, is the managing partner of Hunton & Williams LLP. He succeeds Peter Prieto and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Rian Balfour, 32, of Coral Springs, is corporate counsel for Sheridan Healthcare Inc. She succeeds Howard Weiss and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Paul Lopez, 46, of Boca Raton, is a director with Tripp Scott PA. He succeeds Louis Silber and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Kara Rockenbach, 44, of Singer Island, is a shareholder with Methe & Rockenbach PA. She succeeds Glenn Waldman and is appointed from a list submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

James Richey, 50, of Melbourne Beach, is the president of Eastern Florida State College. He is reappointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Michael Marder, 61, of Windermere, is an attorney with Greenspoon Marder PA. He is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Carrie Ann Wozniak, 33, of Orlando, is a partner with Akerman LLP. She succeeds Todd Copeland and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Circuit Court Judicial Nominating Commissions

Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Michael Abel, 48, of Jacksonville, is an attorney with Holland and Knight LLP. He succeeds Dexter Davis and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Henry G. "Chip" Bachara, Jr., 54, of Jacksonville, is a lawyer and the president of Bachara Construction Law Group. He is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Dexter V. Davis, 50, of Jacksonville, is an attorney and the owner of Davis Law Group. He succeeds Michael Mullin and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Craig Dyer, 66, of Daytona Beach, is the chief assistant public defender for the Seventh Circuit's Public Defender's Office. He succeeds Horace Smith and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Tance Roberts, 46, of St. Augustine, is an attorney and partner with Clark & Roberts PLC and Tance E. Roberts PA. She is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Raven E. Sword, 37, of Palm Coast, is an owner and partner of Livingston & Ward PA. She is reappointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

J. Timothy Schulte, 51, of Winter Park, is an attorney with Zimmerman, Kiser, Sutcliffe. He succeeds Edward Storey III and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Mary A. "Molly" Cox, 31, of Orlando, is an attorney with Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell. She succeeds Jeffrey Jones and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Meredith Barrios Sasso, 31, of Orlando, is an associate with Hayes Law PL. She fills a vacancy and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Robert H. Fernandez, 43, of Miami, is a partner with Roig, Tutan, Rosenberg, Martin, Stoller, Zumpano & Bellido. He succeeds Manuel Kadre and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Hans Ottinot, 45, of Hialeah, is City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach. He succeeds Mark Romance and has been appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Luis E. Suarez, 42, of Coral Gables, is a partner at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. He succeeds Marva Wiley and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Twentieth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Bernard Long Jr., 73, of Bonita Springs, is a retired attorney. He succeeds Gordon Corey and is appointed for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Amira Dajani Fox, 48, of Fort Myers, is the deputy chief assistant state attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. She succeeds Joseph Linnehan Jr. and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

Aaron A. Haak, 39, of Fort Myers, is a shareholder with Knott Ebelini Hart. He succeeds F. Joseph McMackin III and is appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Florida Bar for a term beginning July 14, 2014, and ending July 1, 2018.

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