

**Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
Circuit Court and County Court Judicial Vacancies
Press Release/Public Service Announcement**

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The Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces a vacancy in the Hillsborough County Court in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida. The County Court vacancy was recently created by the elevation of Judge Kim Hernandez Vance to the Circuit Court.

The Commission is now accepting applications for this County Court position. Applicants must be residents of Hillsborough County, registered voters, and members of The Florida Bar for the past five years.

Applications can be downloaded from The Florida Bar's web site at www.floridabar.org by following the "News and Events" link to "Publications" to "Bar Forms & Applications" to "Judicial Nominating Commission applications" to second "Judicial Nominating Commission applications" (click same language twice) to "Application for Judicial seat". Applicants will be asked to provide their names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses to facilitate communication with the Commission.

Applicants must submit a fully completed original and one copy of the application, along with a photograph attached to the original and to the copy, and one redacted copy¹ of the application, along with a photograph attached to the redacted copy to C. Howard Hunter, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, Hill Ward Henderson, P.A., 101 East Kennedy Blvd., Suite 3700, Tampa, FL 33601, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please remember to include the new Form 6.

In addition to the original and copies, applicants are requested to provide one electronic unredacted (PDF) copy of the application and one electronic redacted (PDF) copy of the application. The electronic applications must be submitted on either a USB flash drive or CD. Any material redacted by the applicant must be limited to exempt or confidential information pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, Florida's Public Records Law.

Applicants and the public will be advised in subsequent press releases of dates of Commission meetings for filling the vacancy. The Commission will submit the names of nominees for the judgeship to Governor Rick Scott by December 28, 2015.

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A list of members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is available from The Florida Bar's website. Questions should be directed to C. Howard Hunter, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, at (813)227-8402 or howard.hunter@hwlaw.com.

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