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FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY AND INTERVIEW DATE

As a result of the retirement of The Honorable Daniel F. Wilensky, there is a vacancy on the Circuit Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission to provide him with highly qualified nominees for this vacancy.

Complete unredacted and redacted applications (see below for more information) for this vacancy must be received **<u>before</u>** 4:00 p.m. on <u>Friday, January 28, 2022</u> in PDF format, including a digital photograph, via e-mail to: <u>Harris@HarrisGuidi.com</u>. We would prefer, but will not require, that applicants submit a total of two (2) PDF documents containing all application materials, attachments, photographs, etc. The documents should be styled "Lastname.Firstname.RedactedApplication.pdf" and "Lastname.Firstname.UnredactedApplication.pdf".

Additionally, a copy of both the unredacted and redacted applications should be delivered to the following address: Harris Guidi Rosner, P.A., Attn: Robert Harris, 1837 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar's website at <u>www.floridabar.org</u> or the Office of the Governor at <u>www.flgov.com</u>.

Interviews will be held on <u>Thursday, February 10, 2022</u> in Chief Judge Mark Mahon's Chambers on the 7th floor of the Duval County Courthouse. A subsequent press release will be issued after the application deadline with the interview schedule and details for the general public to observe the interviews in person or by Zoom.

<u>Neither incomplete applications nor applications submitted after the deadline will be considered</u>. Further, all applicants must meet the qualifications for Judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Personal information not subject to public disclosure should be redacted on a separate copy of the application as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. Please also e-mail a digital photo with the applications. To assist the commission, all questions on the application must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information (especially direct phone numbers), 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.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application be kept confidential.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Governor DeSantis's Office.

If there are any questions about the application process, please contact Robert M. Harris at (904) 777-7777. *Applicants shall not initiate contact with the Commissioners until the nominees are submitted to Governor DeSantis unless questions pertain to the application process only.*