

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
FLORIDA, INC., COMMON CAUSE,
PATRICIA M. BRIGHAM, JOANNE
LYNCH AYE, and ELIZA
McCLENAGHAN,

Petitioners,

v.

Case No.: SC18-1573

HON. RICK SCOTT, in His Official
Capacity as Governor of Florida,
FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION,
and JASON L. UNGER, in His Official
Capacity as Chair of the Florida Supreme
Court Judicial Nominating Commission,

Respondents.

**APPENDIX TO PETITIONERS' EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL
PETITION FOR WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO AND FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following counsel for Respondents by email on October 26, 2018:

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**Minutes and Certification of Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission
Meeting to Discuss Retention of Legal Counsel in
*League of Women Voters, et al. v. Hon. Rick Scott, et al., SC18-1573***

September 21, 2018

The telephonic meeting was convened at 4:32 p.m. All Commissioners were present. Chair Unger advised of the Emergency Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto (*League of Women Voters, et al. v. Hon. Rick Scott, et al., SC18-1573*) and Responses due by September 26, 2018. George Levesque agreed to represent Jason Unger as Chair. Raoul Cantero advised that, contingent upon approval from his law firm, he is willing to represent the Judicial Nominating Commission itself in a pro bono capacity.

Cynthia Angelos moved, and Hala Sandridge seconded, that the JNC approve Raoul Cantero as legal counsel in this matter subject to his law firm's approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no other business before the JNC, Fred Karlinsky moved, and Israel Reyes seconded, that the meeting adjourn. That motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**Minutes and Certification of Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission
to consider and select applicants for interviews.**

October 11, 2018

The meeting was convened at 5:32 p.m. Commissioners Unger, Reyes, Panuccio, Stearns, Sandridge, Tate, and Angelos were present. Chairman Unger advised of the 59 applications received, some of which were submitted (in whole or in part) shortly after 5:00 pm on October 8. Without objection, the JNC approved of all 59 applications being accepted and considered.

Commissioner Panuccio moved, and Commissioner Tate seconded, that the JNC interview all 59 applicants. Interviews will be in Miami on November 3-4, and then continue in Tampa on November 8-9 with deliberations thereafter. This schedule will position the JNC to certify nominations at the earliest on November 10 or sometime thereafter so as to give the Governor and Governor-elect ample time to do their vetting and minimize the time that the three judicial vacancies exist.

With no other business before the JNC, Commissioner Angelos moved, and Commissioner Reyes seconded, that the meeting adjourn. That motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Re: Florida Supreme Court Nominating Commission – Application Deadline

Dear Raoul:

On behalf of my clients League of Women Voters of Florida, Inc., and Common Cause, I ask that you please convey to your client the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission this respectful request that it extend the deadline for applications for the three upcoming vacancies to November 27.

We recognize that the constitution does not address the application deadline, and we fully embrace the policies you set out in your concurring opinion in the *Mandatory Retirement* decision about minimizing the time that judicial seats will be vacant. And while we respectfully disagree as to whether nominations can be made before the vacancies – an issue we hope the Court will resolve – I believe that we are in agreement with the Commission that even if it has discretion to do so earlier, the actual deadline for nominations is not until 30 days following the vacancies, unless extended by the governor for up to another 30 days.

Now that the Commission has made clear through your response that it recognizes that Governor Scott had no authority to impose a November 10 deadline, we would respectfully submit that there is no reason to have the deadline for applications before the election regardless of how the Court rules. If the deadline were moved to November 27, the Commission would still have well over thirty days to complete its process and have the nominations ready to certify the moment the vacancies occur in January.

Since we filed the petition, I have heard from several potential applicants whose decision whether to apply depends on the results of next month's election. I myself have heard from some unquestionably qualified folks who are very interested, but have made the judgment that one or the other of the candidates for governor would never appoint them.

The candidates have both made this a campaign issue and have described the characteristics they are looking for. One has stressed a desire to focus on diversity of backgrounds, and the other has stressed a desire to avoid appointing anyone who might rule like the justices who are retiring. While politics should, of course, have no role in the Commission's work as it is charged solely with nominating the most qualified applicants, the practical fact remains that many potential applicants have valid reasons to believe that even if nominated they would simply stand no chance with one candidate or the other.

The election for governor aside, Amendment 6 would raise the retirement age to 75 if passed. Many potential applicants - especially those in their 60s - might make different decisions as to whether to apply depending on whether they could stay on the court until age 70 or 75. They should have the opportunity to make informed decisions. Likewise, it would be helpful to the governor who makes the appointments to know how long a potential justice might serve.

The reasons for a hesitation to apply when there is no realistic chance of being appointed may be obvious, but at least three merit elaboration. First, the identity of the applicants is made public shortly after the applications are submitted. This can pose serious hardships to applicants who are not ultimately appointed, especially if they are in private practice. Their employers will know they are looking for a new job, and their clients and potential clients will know that they may be just several weeks away from leaving the practice of law.

Second, the applications require disclosure of sensitive financial and health information. There are plenty of answers to these questions that would not be the least bit disqualifying, but still cause embarrassment or at least an intrusion into the otherwise private lives of the applicants.

Third, as you well know, the task of completing the application is arduous for anyone, but particularly so for applicants who have extensive experience trying cases.

For all these reasons, we can think of no harm or delay, but much to gain, in filling the vacancies that would result from extending the deadline. The current pre-election deadline is having a very real chilling effect on applicants that would seem to undermine the Commission's goal of nominating the most qualified individuals to these important positions.

In closing, please share this request with your clients so that the full Commission may consider our request to extend the deadline for applications to November 27, 2018. And so that we may better understand (and educate those who keep asking), please send me a copy of all rules and policies of the Commission, if any, governing application deadlines, as well as the minutes and any other related records of the Commission addressing the deadline for these applications.

Very Truly Yours,



John S. Mills

**SUPREME COURT
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

AS AMENDED 11-16-2016

SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
RULES OF PROCEDURE

Section I. Initial Procedure; Investigative Sources; Notice

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Supreme Court, the office of Statewide Prosecutor, the office of Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, or the office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (the "Commission") shall receive and review applications submitted by those applicants who timely request consideration. Each such application shall be in substantial compliance with the approved form of the Commission and shall include a waiver of confidentiality of all materials necessary to adequately investigate each applicant including, but not limited to, disciplinary records of The Florida Bar, records of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners, credit records, records maintained by any law enforcement agency, and (where applicable) records of the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission.

The Commission shall provide notice of the vacancy and the deadline for applications to The Florida Bar, county and local bar associations (including minority and women's bar associations), and at least one newspaper of general circulation in the relevant jurisdiction.

The Commission may seek and shall receive information from interested persons and groups.

Section II. Initial Screening

On or before the deadline established by the Commission, each applicant must submit to the Commission: (1) an original application (including all attachments); (2) an

electronic copy of the original application (including all attachments) in pdf format; and (3) an electronic redacted copy of the original application, which excludes all material that is exempt or confidential under applicable public records laws. One copy of each application with attachments shall be forwarded by the chair to the Judicial Nominating Commission Coordinator, General Counsel, Office of the Governor. The Commission shall require appropriate financial disclosure information as part of the application. The Commission may require such additional information as it deems appropriate.

The application shall include a separate page asking applicants to identify their race, ethnicity and gender. Completion of this page shall be optional, and the page shall include an explanation that the information is requested for data collection purposes in order to assess and promote diversity in the judiciary. The chair of the Commission shall forward all such completed pages, along with the names of the nominees, to the JNC Coordinator, General Counsel, Office of the Governor.

Within a reasonable time after the deadline for applications, the Commission shall meet to consider the applicants and to select applicants for further investigation and consideration. No person shall be selected for further investigation and consideration who does not meet all legal requirements for the office to be filled.

Section III. Electronic Media and Still Photography Coverage of Judicial Nominating Commission Proceedings

Subject at all times to the authority of the chair of the Commission to: (i) control the conduct of proceedings before the Commission; (ii) ensure decorum and prevent

distractions; and (iii) ensure the fair administration of justice in the pending cause, electronic media and still photography coverage of the open Commission proceedings shall be allowed as provided by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.450.

Section IV. Further Investigation; Interviews

The Commission shall further investigate the fitness and qualifications of each selected applicant using all sources reasonably available within the time permitted by law, including a criminal background investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). In addition, the Commission may invite each selected applicant to appear before a quorum of the Commission sitting as a whole to respond to questions by the Commission deemed pertinent to each applicant's fitness and qualifications to serve on the Supreme Court, to serve as Statewide Prosecutor, to serve as Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, or to serve as Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, as the case may be.

Except for deliberations of the Commission, all interviews and proceedings of the Commission shall be open to the public to the extent required by the Florida Constitution.

Prior to the interview of any applicant, each Commission member shall disclose to the remaining Commission members all negative information received by such member concerning any applicant.

At any time before its final vote is concluded, the Commission may request an applicant to reappear before the Commission to answer additional questions and to provide additional information.

Section V. Standards and Qualifications; Criteria

No applicant shall be nominated to the Governor or to the Attorney General for

appointment unless the Commission finds the applicant to be fit for appointment after full and careful consideration. The Commission's consideration of applicants for appointment shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following criteria:

- (a) Applicable constitutional and statutory criteria
- (b) Personal attributes
 - (1) Personal integrity
 - (2) Standing in community
 - (3) Sobriety
 - (4) Moral conduct
 - (5) Ethics
 - (6) Commitment to equal justice under law
- (c) Competency and experience
 - (1) General mental and physical health
 - (2) Intelligence
 - (3) Knowledge of the law and judicial system
 - (4) Professional reputation
 - (5) Knowledge of and experience with the office sought
- (d) Judicial capabilities
 - (1) Patience
 - (2) Decisiveness
 - (3) Impartiality
 - (4) Courtesy
 - (5) Civility

- (6) Industry and promptness
- (7) Administrative ability
- (8) Possible reaction to judicial power
- (9) Temperament
- (10) Independence

Section VI. Final Selection of Nominees

Upon the conclusion of its investigations and interviews, the Commission shall meet to select by majority vote qualified nominees from those persons having applied for such vacancy. The number of qualified nominees selected by the Commission shall be consistent with constitutional and statutory criteria for the applicable office. The names of the nominees selected by the Commission shall be certified to the Governor or to the Attorney General, as applicable, in alphabetical order, along with a copy of all investigative information and documents relating to each nominee.

Section VII. Procedure for Final Voting

1. Final voting procedures to nominate to the Governor or to the Attorney General qualified applicants from those interviewed will take place:
 - (a) After the Commissioners have had an opportunity to review the applications, supporting data, and all other pertinent information;
 - (b) After the applicants selected by the Commission to be interviewed have been interviewed to the satisfaction of a majority of the Commission members;
 - (c) After the applicants have been discussed to the satisfaction of a majority of the Commission members; and

- (d) Without any straw vote, unofficial vote, tentative vote, or official vote until the above-described steps have been taken, except that this limitation shall not apply to a screening process to reduce the number of applicants to be interviewed.
2. All votes shall be cast by written, secret ballot. On the initial round of voting each Commissioner shall cast six (6) votes, one per applicant. Any applicant who receives two (2) votes shall continue to the next round of voting.
 3. On each successive round(s) of voting, the number of votes cast by each Commissioner shall be reduced by one (1) and the minimum required to remain on the proposed list shall be raised by one (1) vote.
 4. This process shall continue until only three (3) applicants remain on the list or, if there is a tie for third place, more than three (3) shall be permitted so long as it is less than six (6). If there are more than six (6) then there will be a vote among those tied for third place with each Commissioner casting one (1) vote and only the person who receives the most votes shall remain on the proposed list.
 5. Following completion of the initial round of voting, any Commissioner can then move to reconsider an applicant who did not make the initial proposed list. If the motion is seconded, the Commission shall vote to reconsider the applicant with each Commissioner casting one (1) vote. If a majority of the Commissioners eligible to vote, vote in favor of the motion, the applicant shall be added to the proposed list until there are not more than six (6) applicants on the proposed list.
 6. After the proposed list is complete, any Commissioner may make a motion to remove anyone on the list. If it is seconded, a vote shall be cast on the applicant, with

each Commissioner casting one (1) vote. If a majority of the Commissioners eligible to vote, vote in favor of the motion, the applicant shall be removed from the list.

7. Finally, a motion to declare the list final shall be made, seconded and if it receives a majority vote of the Commissioners, the final list shall then be complete and those names shall be submitted to the Governor or to the Attorney General, as applicable.

Section VIII. Publication of Names of Nominees

The chair of the Commission shall make public the names of all persons nominated by the Commission without indicating any preference of the Commission.

Section IX. Ethical Considerations

Commissioners hold positions of public trust. A Commissioner's conduct should not reflect discredit upon the selection process or disclose partisanship or partiality in the consideration of applicants. Consideration of applicants shall be made impartially and objectively.

A Commissioner shall disclose to other Commissioners present all personal, professional, and business relationships with an applicant. In the event any applicant is a member of the judiciary, each member of the Commission shall disclose to the Commission all matters which he, she, or any of his or her clients have pending before the applicant. All voting conflicts shall be addressed in accordance with section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes. The chair shall rule upon whether a substantial conflict of interest exists. All balloting by the Commission shall be by secret ballot and the chair shall be entitled to vote in all instances. Upon certification of the nominees to the Governor or to the Attorney General, no Commissioner shall contact the Governor or the Attorney General or any member of their offices or staffs, for the purpose of further influencing the Governor's or Attorney General's

ultimate decision. However, if contacted by the Governor or Attorney General, or their offices or staffs, a Commissioner shall be entitled to answer questions about each nominee. No attempt should be made to rank nominees or to otherwise disclose a preference of the Commission.

Section X. Misconduct

Each Commissioner shall be accountable to the Governor and the chair for compliance with these rules and the proper performance of his or her duties as a member of the Commission. Each Commissioner affirms that under these rules the Governor or the chair may dispose of any written complaint alleging the misconduct of one or more Commissioners or of the Commission, limited only by Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Florida. Each Commissioner further acknowledges that pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution the Governor may suspend from office any Commissioner for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony.

A complaint alleging the misconduct of one or more Commissioners (other than the chair) shall be reported in writing to the chair for action. Upon the chair's receipt of any such charges, the subject Commissioner(s) and the Governor's office shall be immediately notified thereof and thereafter kept continuously apprised of the status of such complaint through final disposition. The chair shall investigate any complaint if the allegations are in writing, signed by the complainant, and deemed sufficient by the chair. A complaint shall be deemed sufficient if the chair determines that it contains allegations which if proven would be a violation of these rules or reflects discredit on the judicial selection process. Prior to determining sufficiency the chair may require supporting information or

documentation as necessary for that determination. Upon determination of sufficiency, each charge: (a) may be disposed of by the chair solely; or, (b) may be referred by the chair for disposition by the Governor exclusively, or with the concurrence of the chair, but in consultation with the Governor, all other members of the Commission. Disposition of a complaint shall include a hearing which affords the opportunity for the presentation of evidence by all interested parties to be evaluated by a clear and convincing standard of proof. Action shall be taken within 60 days of receipt of any written complaint and its final disposition shall be immediately reported to the chair and the Governor.

A complaint alleging the misconduct only of the chair shall be reported in writing to the Governor for action. Upon the Governor's receipt of any such charges, the chair shall be immediately notified thereof and thereafter kept continuously apprised of his or her status through final disposition. The Governor's office shall investigate any complaint if the allegations are in writing, signed by the complainant, and deemed sufficient. A complaint shall be deemed sufficient if the Governor determines that it contains allegations which if proven would be a violation of these rules or reflects discredit upon the judicial selection process. Prior to determining sufficiency, the Governor may require supporting information or documentation as necessary for that determination. Upon determination of sufficiency, each charge shall be disposed of by the Governor in consultation with all other members of the Commission. Disposition of a complaint shall include a hearing which affords the opportunity for the presentation of evidence by all interested parties to be evaluated by a clear and convincing standard of proof. Action shall be taken within 60 days of receipt of any written complaint and its final disposition shall be immediately reported to the Commission and the Governor.

A complaint alleging the misconduct of the chair and one or more Commissioners shall be reported in writing to the Governor for action. Upon the Governor's receipt of any such charges, the chair and Commissioner(s) shall be immediately notified thereof and thereafter kept continuously apprised of their status through final disposition. The Governor shall investigate any complaint if the allegations are in writing, signed by the complainant, and deemed by the Governor to be sufficient. A complaint shall be deemed sufficient if the Governor determines that it contains allegations which if proven would be a violation of these rules or would reflect discredit on the judicial selection process. Prior to determining sufficiency, the Governor may require supporting information or documentation as necessary for that determination. Upon determination of sufficiency each charge may be disposed of by the Governor in consultation with all other members of the Commission. Disposition of a complaint shall include a hearing which affords the opportunity for the presentation of evidence by all interested parties to be evaluated by a clear and convincing standard of proof. Action shall be taken within 60 days of receipt of any written complaint and its final disposition shall be immediately reported by the Governor to members of the Commission.

Section XI. Annual Meeting; Selection of Chair; Local Rules; Safeguarding of Records

After July 1 of each year, the Commission shall elect a chair by majority vote to serve for one year and shall certify his or her name to the Governor. The chair's term shall end on July 1 of the next year or upon the election of his or her successor in office. The chair may be reappointed. After July 1 and the appointment of all Commission vacancies by the Governor, the new Commission shall elect by majority vote a vice chair who shall have at least two years remaining in his or her term. The vice chair shall automatically be

nominated for chair at the next annual election held. Additional nominations of qualified persons for chair are allowed.

Within the first twelve months after appointment, each Commissioner must complete an educational course designed to familiarize members with Commission rules and procedures. Training shall include segments regarding interviewing techniques and diversity sensitivity.

The Office of the Governor (through its JNC Coordinator or other appropriate designated officer or employee) shall be the official depository and custodian of the records of the Commission.

The chair shall keep a permanent written record of all policies and procedures adopted by the Commission during his or her term and shall send a copy to the JNC Coordinator in the Governor's office

The Commission may adopt such additional operating rules, forms and notices as it may from time to time deem necessary, so long as they are not inconsistent with these rules. The Commission shall maintain continuous records of its proceedings. Minutes of each meeting reflecting the official formal actions taken by the Commission shall be prepared and signed by the chair and shall be preserved in a permanent file. The files will be available on a continuous basis to the Commission upon request, but the files may be destroyed on a yearly basis.

At the conclusion of his or her term, the outgoing chair shall turn over to the newly elected chair all written records of adopted policies and procedures.

Section XII. Amendments

These rules may be amended by majority vote of the members of the Commission.

THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDGESHIP VACANCIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 26, 2018

CONTACT: Raquel A. Rodriguez, Chair

Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

TELEPHONE: (305) 704-3990

The Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Rick Scott with nominees for the vacancies in the Third District Court of Appeal resulting from the resignations of Chief Judge Leslie Rothenberg and Judge Richard Suarez. The JNC seeks and encourages a broad, diverse and qualified pool of applicants.

All persons interested in applying must deliver a complete application to:

Raquel A. Rodriguez, Chair

Third District Court Judicial Nominating Commission

c/o McDonald Hopkins LLC

200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2600

Miami, Florida 33131

rrodriguez@mcdonaldhopkins.com

The deadline for submitting an application is **Monday, October 15, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.** Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Instructions for submission:

- The current Judicial Application form must be used. It can be downloaded in Word version from Governor Rick Scott's website (<https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information>) or The Florida Bar's website (<https://www.floridabar.org/directories/jnc/applications>). Applicants should ensure they are using the correct and current form.
- The completed original, signed application must be submitted by the deadline and must be typed and bound. A photograph is encouraged but not required.
- In addition to the original application, applicants must provide the following: (i) three (clipped but unbound) copies of the completed application, (ii) one redacted copy of the application (clipped but unbound) excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes or other applicable public records law and (iii) an electronic copy of the application via email to **each** of the nine commissioners listed below. All electronic

submissions must be in PDF format. All printed copies should be two-sided. **The electronic copy will not be accepted in place of a timely-submitted, signed original.**

**** COURTESY NOTICE ****

Potential applicants are advised that the Commission at present intends to hold interviews on **October 22 and 23**. **These dates are subject to change**. Applicants receiving interviews will be separately notified of the exact date, time, and location of the interview. Separate public notice shall be provided when the interview schedule is set. In order to assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions in the application must be fully and completely answered. In addition, applications should include current and accurate contact information for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel and references where requested as those individuals will be contacted. If there is requested information missing from an application, the Judicial Nominating Commission will consider the applicant's lack of effort in submitting a complete application.

Members of the bench, the Bar and the public are urged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.

The Commission members are:

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NEWS RELEASES

3RD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES NOMINEES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 24, 2018

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3rd District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

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The 3rd District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission announces that the following individuals have been nominated to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of Chief Judge Leslie Rothenberg and Judge Richard Suarez:

Hon. Monica Gordo

Hon. Eric W. Hendon

Hon. Timothy J. Koenig

Hon. Fleur J. Lobree

Hon. Bronwyn C. Miller

Hon. Thomas J. Rebull Oren Rosenthal

Ann M. St. Peter-Griffith

Melissa Damian Visconti

Hon. Lisa S. Walsh

The nominees were submitted to Gov. Rick Scott on Oct. 24, 2018. The Commission thanks all the individuals who applied for consideration and all those who contacted the Commission to offer their thoughts on the applicants.

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EDITORS: Please note The Florida Bar is not an association and "Association" is not part of our name. Proper reference is "The Florida Bar." Local bar organizations are properly termed "associations."

NEWS RELEASES

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – AMENDED NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND AMENDED INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 26, 2018

CONTACT: Jason L. Unger, Chair, jason.unger@gray-robinson.com

Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission

TELEPHONE: 850-577-9090

The Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on Nov. 3 and Nov. 4 in Miami to begin the interview process, and will resume interviews in Tampa on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 to fill three positions of Florida Supreme Court Justice, upon the mandatory retirement of Justices Barbara Pariente, R. Fred Lewis, and Peggy Quince.

The interview schedule and locations are listed below. Preliminary deliberations will be conducted between 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., and upon the conclusion of the last scheduled interview on each day of interviews, with final deliberations beginning upon the conclusion of

the last scheduled interview on November 9. Pursuant to Article V, section 11(d) of the Florida Constitution, all interviews are open to the public; however, the portions of the proceedings involving deliberations are not open to the public.

This schedule will position the Florida Supreme Court JNC to certify nominations at the earliest on Nov. 10 or sometime thereafter to give the Governor and Governor-elect ample time to do their vetting and minimize the time that these three judicial vacancies remain unfilled.

MIAMI INTERVIEW LOCATION:

Miami International Airport Hotel

Terminal E; Level 2 to hotel lobby (7th floor conference rooms once in hotel)

(Door #11 if arriving from outside the airport)

305-871-4100

Nov. 3 – Miami:

9:00 a.m. Alexander Bokor

9:30 a.m. Amy Boulris

10:00 a.m. Jeffrey Burns
10:30 a.m. Howard Coates
11:00 a.m. Daryl Trawick
11:30 a.m. Cynthia Cox
1:00 p.m. James Duncan
1:30 p.m. Manuel Farach
2:00 p.m. Jonathan Gerber
2:30 p.m. Edward Guedes
3:00 p.m. Bradley Harper
3:30 p.m. Terrance Ketchel
4:30 p.m. Mark Klingensmith
5:00 p.m. Jeffrey Kuntz
5:30 p.m. Bruce Kyle

Nov. 4 – Miami

9:00 a.m. Barbara Lagoa
9:30 a.m. Norma Lindsey
10:00 a.m. Robert Luck
10:30 a.m. Mark Miller
11:00 a.m. Carlos Muniz
11:30 a.m. Hayden O’Byrne
1:00 p.m. William Roby
1:30 p.m. Cymonie Rowe
2:00 p.m. Leonard Samuels
2:30 p.m. Edwin Scales
3:00 p.m. Anuraag Singhal
3:30 p.m. Elijah Smiley
4:30 p.m. Donna Greenspan Solomon
5:00 p.m. William Thomas
5:30 p.m. John Couriel

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9:00 a.m. Michael Andrews
9:30 a.m. Matthew Thatcher
10:00 a.m. Ross Bilbrey
10:30 a.m. Hunter Carroll
11:00 a.m. Angela Cowden
11:30 a.m. James Daniel
1:00 p.m. Bryan Gowdy
1:30 p.m. Jamie Grosshans
2:00 p.m. Laurel Lee
2:30 p.m. Robert Long
3:00 p.m. Mark Mahon
3:30 p.m. Scott Makar
4:30 p.m. Michael McDaniel
5:00 p.m. Timothy Osterhaus
5:30 p.m. Thomas Ramsberger

Nov. 9 – Tampa

9:00 a.m. Eric Roberson
9:30 a.m. Clayton Roberts
10:00 a.m. Samuel Salaro
10:30 a.m. Tatiana Salvador
11:00 a.m. Stephen Senn
11:30 a.m. Pat Siracusa
1:00 p.m. Jonathan Sjostrom
1:30 p.m. Adrian Soud
2:00 p.m. John Stargel
2:30 p.m. Anthony Tatti
3:00 p.m. J. Andrew Atkinson
3:30 p.m. M. Kemmerly Thomas
4:30 p.m. Waddell Wallace
5:00 p.m. Thomas Winokur

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