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Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

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SEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUTNAM COUNTY COURT VACANCY AND REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis has requested that the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission convene for the purpose of selecting and submitting a list of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Putnam County Court. This appointment shall file a vacancy created by the resignation of the Judge Elizabeth Morris.

The Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission shall accept applications. <u>The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm EST on Friday, October 10, 2025</u>. Interviews will occur on October 17, 2025 at the Richard O. Watson Judicial Center, Courtroom Annex, 4010 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Applicants must meet the qualifications for county court judges as described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications must be delivered by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com.

The current version of the application ("Judicial Appointment Application 2025") is available at: https://www.flgov.com/eog/info/judicial/applications. Applicants must submit the 2025 version of the application.

To be considered, an applicant must deliver the following by email:

- 1. A .pdf version of the complete "2025" application with all attachments; and
- 2. A .pdf redacted version of the complete "2025" application with all attachments, excluding all exempt information under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

A complete application shall include: a signed Certificate, Financial History, notarized Form 6, Judicial Application Data Record, FDLE form, a writing sample, and a current color photograph. All questions in the application must be answered fully and completely. Applicants must include current contact information for all judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation. Each .pdf file should be titled so that the applicant's full name and "original" or "redacted" is readily apparent before opening the attachment. The application and all attachments should be combined into a single .pdf file.

All proceedings of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public, except for deliberations. Applicants should expect that their application will not remain confidential.

Members of the judiciary, bar, and public are encouraged to contact the Commission regarding any applicant for judicial appointment. All written correspondence regarding an applicant should be sent by email to the Chair, Travis Mydock, at tmydock@mydocklaw.com. The Chair will disseminate all information to the Commission.

Applicants in need of guidance should direct inquires to the Chair by email. The list of current members of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission follows:

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