

**THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES JUDGESHIP VACANCY**

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The Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Rick Scott with nominees for the vacancy in the Third District Court of Appeal resulting from the resignation of Judge Linda Ann Wells. The JNC seeks and encourages a broad, diverse and qualified pool of applicants.

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

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The deadline for submitting an application is **Wednesday, March 15, 2017, by 12:00 Noon**. 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 (<http://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>) or from The Florida Bar's website (<http://www.flabar.org>). Applicants should ensure they are using the correct and current form.
- The completed original, signed application must be filed 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 **March 30 and 31, and April 3 (if necessary)**. **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.

All bar associations within the Third District are respectfully requested to email their members a copy of this press release, if possible. Members of the bench, the Bar and the public are urged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.

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