

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:

Raquel A. Rodriguez, Esq., Chair

McDonald Hopkins, LLC
Southeast Financial Center
200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2600
Miami, Florida 33131-5324
Tel: (305) 704-3990
E-mail: rrodriguez@mcdonaldhopkins.com

Roy K. Altman, Esq.

Podhurst Orseck P.A.
SunTrust International Center
One S.E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 2700
Miami, Florida 33131
Tel: (305) 358-2800
Email: RAltman@podhurst.com

Jeffrey S. Bass, Esq.

Shubin & Bass, P.A.
46 SW 1st Street, 3rd Floor
Miami, FL 33130
Tel: (305) 381-6060
E-mail: jbass@shubinbass.com

Adam M. Foslid, Esq.

Greenberg Traurig LLP
333 S.E. 2nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33131
Phone: (305) 579-0553
Email: foslida@gtlaw.com

Eric A. Hernandez, Esq.

Hernandez Lee Martinez, LLC
9190 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 204
Miami Shores, Florida 33138
M: 305.842.2100 | D: 305.842.2101
Email: eric@hlmlegal.com

Richard D. Lara, Esq.

Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc.
7007 NW 77th Avenue
Miami, FL 33166
Tel: (305) 644-4824
E-mail: rlara@sbscorporate.com

Harout J. Samra, Esq.

DLA Piper LLP
200 S. Biscayne Blvd., Suite 2500
Miami, Florida 33131-5341
Tel: (305) 423-8534
E-mail: harout.samra@dlapiper.com

Justin J. Sayfie, Esq.

Sayfie Law Firm
401 E. Las Olas Blvd., 14th Floor
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
Tel: (954) 954-523-2427
E-mail: justin@sayfielawfirm.com

Mr. Robert A. Spottswood

Spottswood Companies, Inc.
506 Fleming Street
Key West, FL 33040
Tel: (305) 294-6100
E-mail: rspottswood@spottswood.com

###