

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION, SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT VACANCIES**

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – The Seventeenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancies in the Broward Circuit Court created by the resignations of **Circuit Court Judge Dale Cohen** and **Circuit Judge Elizabeth Sherer**.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must submit their application by **12:00 pm on Monday, August 14, 2023**, as follows:

The “Judicial Appointment Application 2022” may be downloaded in pdf and word format at: <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/>.

(1): The **original unredacted** application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: toates@pompanolaw.com.

(2): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to diana@pompanolaw.com. Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as a social security number—must be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

Untimely applications will not be considered. The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows: “FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit Application (redacted/unredacted).”

Applicants are asked to strictly follow all requests and instructions in this notice. Failure to do so could result in an application not being considered.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current contact information, 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. Please print to .pdf in lieu of scanning where possible.

Include (1) all letters of recommendation that the applicant wishes the Commission to consider; and (2) any additional information that the applicant feels may be helpful to the Commission in assessing the applicant’s qualifications. The application, letters and additional information should be appended into one PDF file and the original and redacted files should be identical except for the confidential information removed in the redacted copy.

The Commission strongly suggests that applications be submitted as soon as they are prepared and well before the deadline. Applicants granted an interview will be scheduled in the order in which applications are received.

After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants will be interviewed. At this time, it is anticipated that interviews will be conducted in person at the Broward County Bar Center, 1051 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316 on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**, although this date is subject to change.

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