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**FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT VACANCY**

As a result of the retirement of **The Honorable Linda McCallum**, there is a vacancy on the Fourth Circuit Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with nominees for this vacancy. The Commission received sixteen (16) applications and will interview the applicants on **Monday, March 30, 2020** in accordance with the following schedule:

Time	Applicant
9:30 a.m.	Corrine Bylund
9:45 a.m.	John Henderlite
10:00 a.m.	Melina Buncome
10:10 a.m.	London Kite
10:25 a.m.	Jay Plotkin
10:40 a.m.	Daniel Skinner
10:55 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m.	Rebecca Zima
11:25 a.m.	Jeb Branham
11:35 a.m.	Gil Feltel
11:45 a.m.	Lunch/Deliberations
1:00 p.m.	Jim Kallaher
1:10 p.m.	Robin Lanigan
1:20 p.m.	Stacey Myers
1:30 p.m.	Rhonda Peoples-Waters
1:40 p.m.	W. Joel Powell
1:50 p.m.	Hon. Anthony Salem
2:00 p.m.	Julie K. Taylor
2:10 p.m.	Deliberations Resume

With the unfortunate outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), corresponding restrictions imposed by governmental entities, and applicable legal authority, along with consideration of the best interest of the public, the applicants, and the commissioners, the following procedures will apply for the March 30, 2020 interviews:

In person interviews of applicants are still scheduled to take place in the Chambers of The Honorable Mark H. Mahon, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, located at the Duval County Courthouse, Room 7139, Duval County Courthouse, 501 W. Adams St., Jacksonville, Florida.

Only commissioners and applicants, one at a time, will be permitted to be in these Chambers for the March 30, 2020 interviews.

All members of the press and public who wish to participate in these interviews will be allowed to participate via Zoom using the following options:

Join Zoom Meeting by Video (consider downloading the free Zoom App) at:
<https://zoom.us/j/519192770>

Join by phone:
Phone Number: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 519 192 770

These connections will be muted and not visual to commissioners and applicants.

Commissioners and applicants shall also be allowed to participate via Zoom and will each receive an email from Mike Smith, Fourth Judicial Circuit Chief Technology Officer - mikejs@coj.net with a separate link to appear. Those commissioners and applicants who will appear by Zoom are asked to contact Jacob Brown at (904) 598-8630 or by electronic mail at: jacob.brown@akerman.com by Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 5 p.m. to confirm so the Commission knows in advance whom to expect in person and whom by Zoom. The Commission will not disfavor any applicant wishing to appear by Zoom, but asks all applicants, whether appearing in person or by Zoom, to be available for their interview at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled time above.

If there are disruptive background noises, lines may be disconnected.

The Commission also intends to implement the following time limitations on interviews for the March 30th interviews:

1. For any new applicant and for all applicants the Commission has not interviewed since January 1, 2019, the Commission intends the interview time to be between 10-15 minutes; and
2. For any applicant since January 1, 2019 the Commission has interviewed, the Commission intends the interview time to be between 5-10 minutes.

Members of the Bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the Commissioners with relevant information about these applicants **on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020.**

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public (with the limitations noted above for the purposes of the March 30, 2020 interviews) except for deliberations. Accordingly, applicants should not expect their application be kept confidential. If an applicant is nominated by this Commission, all materials attached to the original application along with any supplemental materials will be submitted to Governor DeSantis's Office.

Please review the above information carefully. The Commission appreciates your consideration of these measures as we do our best to balance all interests at this time. The Commission also appreciates the continued help and support from Chief Judge Mark H. Mahon, Fourth Judicial Circuit Chief Technology Officer Mike Smith and their gracious and courteous staff.

If there are any questions, please contact Jacob A. Brown at (904) 598-8630 or by electronic mail at jacob.brown@akerman.com. Thank you.