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

As a result of the retirement of **The Honorable Pauline M. Drake**, there is a vacancy on the Duval County Court Bench. Governor Ron DeSantis has asked the Fourth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to provide him with nominees for this vacancy. The Commission received twelve (12) applications and will interview the applicants on **Monday, March 9, 2020** in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
9:30 a.m.	Julie K. Taylor
9:45 a.m.	Theresa E. Simak
10:00 a.m.	W. Joel Powell
10:15 a.m.	Alphonse B. Perkins
10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:45 a.m.	Rhonda Peoples-Waters
11:00 a.m.	Stacey L. Myers
11:15 a.m.	Matthew Lufrano
11:30 a.m.	Robin E. Lanigan
11:45 a.m.	<b>Lunch/Deliberations</b>
1:00 p.m.	Ronald J. Davis, II
1:15 p.m.	Jeffrey Davenport
1:30 p.m.	Jeb T. Branham
1:45 p.m.	Janet L. Abel
2:00 p.m.	<b>Deliberations Resume</b>

Interviews will 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.

Members of the Bench, the Bar, and the public are encouraged to contact the Commissioners with relevant information about these applicants **on or before Friday, March 6, 2020**.

All proceedings of this Judicial Nominating Commission are open to the public 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.

If there are any questions, please contact Jacob A. Brown.