

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION – TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRESS RELEASE**

From: Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Chair
Tenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Re: Applications Received for Circuit Court Judge Position

Date: May 6, 2014

The following is a list of the applicants for the Circuit Court vacancy due to the resigning of Judge Beth Harlan. Names of the applicants are listed in alphabetical order.

- 1) J. Kevin Abdoney
Polk County Judge
Bartow, Florida
- 2) Gregory K. Atkinson
General Magistrate, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 3) John C. Berndt
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 4) David R. Carmichael
Attorney, Boswell & Dunlap, LLP
Bartow, Florida
- 5) Gary R. Ellis
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 6) Sanford M. Estroff
Attorney, Estroff Law Office
Lakeland, Florida
- 7) Maria C. Gallo
Administrative Hearing Officer, Board of Polk County Commissioners
Bartow, Florida

- 8) Mary Catherine Green
Polk County Judge
Bartow, Florida
- 9) Kenneth L. Hadley
Attorney, Florida Department of Transportation
Bartow, Florida
- 10) L. Mark Kaylor
Attorney, Kaylor, Kaylor, & Leto, P.A.
Winter Haven, Florida
- 11) Ruth Moracen Knight
Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 12) Michael P. McDaniel
Attorney, McDaniel Law Firm, P.A.
Bartow, Florida
- 13) Robert E. Pyle, Jr.
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 14) Isabel Boza Skipper
Attorney
Thonotosassa, Florida
- 15) Raymond Sotomayor
Attorney, Andriotis Law Firm
Tarpon Springs, Florida
- 16) David E. Stamey, Jr.
Assistant State Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida
- 17) Anthony W. Surber
Attorney, Surber Law, P.A.
Lakeland, Florida
- 18) Amanda M. Traweek
Administrative Magistrate, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Bartow, Florida

- 19) Cheryl D. Westmoreland
Attorney, Department of Children and Families
Bartow, Florida

Interviews will be conducted by the Nominating Commission on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at Frost Van den Boom, P.A., 395 South Central Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830. Interviews will commence at approximately 8:00 a.m. on May 22, 2014 and will continue throughout the day.

Commission Members are: Benjamin W. Hardin, Jr., Richard E. Straughn, Kenneth B. Evers, Timothy McCausland, Victor Smith, Donald Wilson, Jr., John Hugh Shannon, Robert Swaine, and Cassandra Larkin Denmark.

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