

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY**  
**FOR FLORIDA'S FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL**

**Notice of Accepting Applications**

First District Court of Appeal Judges Robert T. Benton and Simone Marsteller have announced that they will be stepping down from their positions on the Court creating two vacancies. The First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nomination Commission has been asked to provide Governor Rick Scott with nominees on or before December 8, 2015.

**Qualifications of Applications:**

Applications submitted after the deadline WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. All applicants must have been members of The Florida Bar for at least ten (10) years, electors of the State of Florida and be residents of the First District prior to taking office.

**Instructions for Submission:**

- 1) Judicial applications for these two (2) District Court vacancies must be *received* before 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 to the following electronic addresses:

Attn: First District Court of Appeal  
Judicial Nominating Commission  
c/o Christa Calamas, Chair  
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- 2) The Judicial Application (which can be downloaded from the Florida Bar website ([www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org)) must include:
  - One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application (either as a .PDF or in Microsoft Word), and One (1) Digital (electronic) copy of the application with personal information redacted in a format suitable for submission in response to a public records request, to [christa.calamas@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:christa.calamas@myfloridahouse.gov), copied to [tracey@pensacolalaw.com](mailto:tracey@pensacolalaw.com);
  - A recent photograph should be attached to the original and each copy;
  - All letters of recommendation in your possession that you wish the Commission to consider, however, recommendations may also be sent as supplements, after the application is submitted;
  - Copies of the applicant's completed Federal Income Tax Returns for the preceding three (3) years OR current financial statement and financial history.  
NOTE: if you are practicing law as a professional association, your tax returns for the three (3) year period should include the tax returns for the professional association; (These shall be transmitted electronically together with the original of

- the application.)
- Any additional information which you feel may be helpful to the Commission in assessing your qualifications
- 3) After the deadline for submitting applications, the Commission will determine which applicants to interview. If you are to be interviewed, you will be contacted to confirm the date, time and location.
  - 4) As you know, all proceedings of the Commission are open to the public except for deliberations. Accordingly, you should not expect your application to be kept confidential.
  - 5) If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to the Governor.
  - 6) If there is any question about the application process, please contact Christa Calamas at the address above.

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Members of the bench, the Bar and the public are urged to contact the members of the Commission concerning applicants for judicial positions.