
Maricopa County
Commission
on Trial Court
Appointments

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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON SUPERIOR COURT APPLICANTS

The public is invited to comment on 65 applicants for eight openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County, created when Judges David R. Cole, Dennis W. Dairman, Kenneth L. Fields, Jeffrey A. Hotham, Ronald S. Reinstein, Jonathan H. Schwartz, Steven D. Sheldon and Michael O. Wilkinson retired in June 2007.

The applicants are Dante M. Alegre, Aimee L. Anderson, Trace A. Bartlett, Edward W. Bassett, John F. Beatty, Dawn M. Bergin, James T. Blomo, Susan M. Brnovich, Roger E. Brodman, Bruce D. Brown, James L. Burke, Paul J. Buser, Theodore Campagnolo, Philip D. Carpenter, Michael K. Carroll, Katherine M. Cooper, Christopher A. Coury, David O. Cunanan, Donna L. Elm, Dean M. Fink, Jeffrey R. Finley, Colleen L. French, JoAnn P. Garcia, Frankie L. Grimsman, Hugh E. Hegyi, David B. Higgins, Steven K. Holding, Jaime B. Holguin, Frank A. Johnson, Jr., Burt A. Jorgensen, James F. Kahn, Sean Kelly, Kirby D. Kongable, Bernard P. Lopez, Steven P. Lynch, Sheila A. Madden, Norma B. Martens, Daniel G. Martin, Carolyn R. Matthews, M. Scott McCoy, C. Steven McMurry, Samuel J. Myers, Julie P. Newell, Benjamin R. Norris, Richard L. Nothwehr, David J. Palmer, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Wesley E. Peterson, Susanna C. Pineda-Rodriguez, Jay M. Polk, Michael G. Prost, David L. Sandweiss, Shellie Smith, Craig W. Soland, Peter S. Spaw, Brian N. Spector, Barbara L. Spencer, Roy L. Steers, Jr., Laurence G. Tinsley, Jr., Andrew B. Turk, Benjamin E. Vatz, Randall H. Warner, Debra A. Weeks, William R. Wingard and Lori A. Zirkle.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on July 18. The meeting will be held at the Arizona State Courts Building in Phoenix, 1501 West Washington, Room 345, starting at 9:00 a.m. Citizens may address the commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 227, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by July 16 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the July 18 meeting, the commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on August 13 & 14. After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for each vacancy to Governor Janet Napolitano, who will appoint the new judges.

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