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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Court of Appeals

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments is asking for public comment on nine candidates for two openings on Division I of the Arizona Court of Appeals. The candidates are David L. Abney, Paula S. Bickett, Margaret H. Downie, Robert C. Houser, Jr., Timothy R. Hyland, Kirby D. Kongable, Sigmund G. Popko, Judith R. Schaffert and Peter B. Swann. Their applications for the office can be viewed online at the commission's website, <http://supreme.state.az.us/jnc>.

The commission will meet in Phoenix at the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, starting at 8:00 a.m. on August 25. The meeting is open to the public. Citizens may address the commission about any of the candidates at 8:30 a.m. on August 25 at that location. Public comment will only be accepted at the 8:30 hearing.

Written comments can be sent to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or by e-mail to jnc@courts.az.gov. Comments should be received no later than August 18 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

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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