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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Arizona Supreme Court

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments is asking for public comment on eight candidates for an opening on the Arizona Supreme Court created by the retirement of Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor on June 30. The candidates are:

Robert M. Brutinel (Prescott)
Norman J. Davis (Litchfield Park)
Philip G. Espinosa (Tucson)
John C. Gemmill (Phoenix)
Wallace R. Hoggatt (Sierra Vista)
Diane M. Johnsen (Scottsdale)
A. John Pelander, III (Tucson)
Ann A. Scott Timmer (Scottsdale)

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 June 29. Citizens may address the commission about any of the candidates at 8:00 a.m. on June 29 at that location. Public comment will only be accepted at the 8:00 hearing. Interviews of the candidates are open to the public and will begin at 10:45.

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 June 24 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

After the interviews the commission will recommend at least three nominees for the vacancy to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new justice.