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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 26 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judge Robert C. Houser.

The applicants are Bradley H. Astrowsky, Mark H. Brain, Katherine M. Cooper, Christopher A. Coury, Wendy L. Coy, Janice K. Crawford, David O. Cunanan, Monica H. Donaldson, Douglas Gerlach, Michael J. Herrod, Steven K. Holding, Daniel J. Kiley, William C. Knoche, Thomas L. LeClaire, Colleen A. Lomax, Steven P. Lynch, James R. Morrow, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Wesley E. Peterson, Jay M. Polk, Gerald J. Porter, Laura M. Reckart, Virginia L. Richter, Joan M. Sinclair, Peter A. Thompson and Benjamin E. Vatz.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on January 6, 2010. The meeting will be held at the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Room 345, starting at 1:00 p.m. Citizens may address the commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by January 4 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the January 6 meeting, the commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on January 19. After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judge.