

**Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission
Circuit Court and County Court Judicial Vacancies
Press Release/Public Service Announcement**

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The Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission announces two vacancies on the Thirteenth Circuit in and for Hillsborough County – one vacancy on the Circuit Court created by the elevation of Judge Daniel Sleet to the Second District Court of Appeal and the second on the County Court created by the elevation of Judge Matthew Lucas to the Circuit Court.

The Commission is now accepting applications for one circuit court judge position and one county court judge position. Applicants must be residents of Hillsborough County, registered voters, and members of The Florida Bar for the past five years.

Applications can be downloaded from the Florida Bar's web site at www.floridabar.org by following the "Publications" link on the left to "Bar Forms & Applications" to "Judicial Nominating Commission applications" (click this same link again if necessary) to "Application for Judicial seat". Applicants will be asked to provide their names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses to facilitate communication with the Commission.

Applicants must submit a fully completed original and one copy of the application, along with a photograph attached to the original and to the copy, to Carter Andersen, Bush Ross, P.A., 1801 North Highland Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2013. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

In addition to the original and one copy, applicants are requested to provide one electronic unredacted (PDF) copy of the application and one electronic redacted (PDF) copy of the application. Any material redacted by the applicant must be limited to exempt or confidential information that is exempt from public inspection pursuant to Chapter 119 and Florida's public records law.

Applicants may submit one application for both vacancies. Applicants should clearly indicate in their application or on a cover letter the vacancy for which they are applying – either indicate that the application is for the circuit court vacancy or the county court vacancy or both.

Applicants and the public will be advised in subsequent press releases of dates of Commission meetings relating to filling these vacancies. The Commission will submit the names of nominees for this vacant judgeship to Governor Rick Scott on or before March 12, 2013.

A list of members of the Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is available from The Florida Bar's web site. Questions should be directed to Carter Andersen, Chair, Thirteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, at (813) 204-6405 or candersen@bushross.com.