

**ELEVENTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE VACANCIES
COUNTY COURT JUDGE VACANCY**

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MIAMI – The Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission has been asked to provide Governor Ron DeSantis with nominees for the vacancies in the Miami-Dade Circuit & County Court created by the resignations of **Circuit Court Judges Rosa Figarola & Martin Zilber** and **County Court Judge Miguel Mirabal**.

The Commission requests that interested candidates submit an application for consideration. Applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court and county judges described in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution.

Applicants must submit three copies (3) of their application by **5:00 pm on Friday June 25, 2021**, as follows:

(1): The original unredacted paper application shall be mailed or delivered to:

Robert H. Fernandez, Esq.
RHF Law Firm, LLC
2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 305
Coral Gables, FL 33134

(2): The **original unredacted** application shall be emailed in .pdf format to: rfernandez@rhflawfirm.com

(3): A redacted .pdf of the application shall be emailed to eleventhjnc@rhflawfirm.com. Personal information not subject to public disclosure—such as the social security number—shall be redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes.

Untimely applications will not be considered. The filename for .pdf applications should be as follows “21.06.25 FIRSTNAME LASTNAME Circuit and/or County Application (redacted /unredacted).”

Applicants are invited to provide the Chair with a one-page sheet listing the date, location and time of hearings or trials that they would want the Commissioners to observe. The one-page disclosure sheet is not mandatory and can be provided to the Chair at any time before the interview day. *No information other than the date, location and time should be provided* on the one-page sheet.

Applications may be downloaded from the Florida Bar’s website at www.flabar.org and the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com. Applicants should include a recent photograph.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: To assist the Judicial Nominating Commission in its review of applications, all questions must be fully and completely answered. Applications must include current

contact information, including e-mail addresses, for judges, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and references to facilitate the background investigation that will be conducted by the members of the Commission. Please print to .pdf in lieu of scanning where possible.

The Commission will convene telephonically on Monday June 28, 2021 to discuss scheduling interviews of the most qualified applicants. A conference room will be available at RHF Law Firm, LLC, 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 305, Coral Gables, FL 33134 for those interested in attending.

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