

February 6, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Joe Jacquot
General Counsel
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Jacquot:

The Eighteenth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission completed its work today to interview applicants for the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge James Earp. I am pleased to report that the commissioners publicized the application process well, receiving sixteen applications from across the geographic area of the circuit. This represents the greatest number of applicants for an Eighteenth Circuit Court vacancy in many years.

The Commission nominates the following applicants to Governor DeSantis:

General Magistrate Leslie J. Castaldi
Stephen Henderson
Judge Michelle L. Naberhaus
Aaron J. Peacock
Suzanne J. Taylor
Marielena F. Tynan

As required, these nominees are listed in alphabetical order and the list does not indicate any preference by the commissioners.

I will forward the original unredacted applications of these nominees immediately. The unredacted applications of all applicants will follow shortly.

We will advise the nominees that they will hear from your office for the next steps in the process.

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This concludes the current assignment of this Commission. On behalf of the Commission, thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of the State of Florida and the citizens of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Gerber

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