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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Arizona Court of Appeals

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments is asking for public comment on seven candidates for two openings on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals created by the retirement of Judge Daniel Barker and the resignation of Judge Patrick Irvine. The candidates are: Stephen M. Hopkins, Randall M. Howe, Foster Robberson, Maria Salapska, Judith R. Schaffert, Samuel A. Thumma and Lori L. Voepel.

Their applications for the office can be viewed online at the commission's website, <http://azcourts.gov/jnc>.

The commission will meet to interview the candidates on February 27.

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 February 23 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

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