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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 23 applicants for the vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the appointment of Judge Samuel A. Thumma to Division 1 of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The applicants are Chris R. Baniszewski, Justin Beresky, Harold F. Brenneman, Jr., Theodore Campagnolo, Clifton Andrew Campbell, Caron L. Close, Suzanne E. Cohen, John E. Draskowski, Mark W. Hawkins, Michael D. Hinze, Steven K. Holding, Stephen M. Hopkins, Kirby D. Kongable, John L. Lohr, Jr., Steven P. Lynch, Mina Mendez, Bert E. Moll, Bernard C. Owens, Louis T. Seletos, Joan M. Sinclair, Shellie Smith, Gerald A. Williams and Russell R. Yurk.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on May 31, 2012. The meeting will be held at the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Room 345, starting at 9:00 a.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 May 29, 2012 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed at the May 31, 2012 meeting. The selected applicants will be interviewed on June 25, 2012. After the interviews the commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judge.