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## **Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants**

The public is invited to comment on 25 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the resignation of Judge Michael R. McVey and the appointment of Judge Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr. to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona.

The applicants are Jay R. Adleman; Chris R. Baniszewski; Michael L. Barth; Harold F. Brenneman, Jr.; Theodore Campagnolo; Susie Charbel; Caron L. Close; Rodrick J. Coffey; Elizabeth A. Cottor; John R. Doody, Jr.; Jennifer S. E. Eichholz; Colleen L. French; Michael D. Hintze; Steven K. Holding; Stephen M. Hopkins; Steven P. Lynch; Kathleen H. Mead; Joseph P. Mikitish; Bert E. Moll; Bernard C. Owens; Carolyn K. Passamonte; Louis T. Seletos; James. D. Smith; Shellie Smith; and Russell R. Yurk.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on March 8, 2013. The meeting will be held at the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Room 345. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. Citizens may address the Commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or by email to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov). Written comments must arrive by March 6, 2013 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed at the March 8, 2013 meeting. The selected applicants will be interviewed on March 27, 2013. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judges.