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## **PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON SUPERIOR COURT APPLICANTS**

The public is invited to comment on 14 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Pima County created by the retirement of Judge Howard Hantman.

The applicants are: Lisa I. Abrams; Dean C. Christoffel; Darlene Edminson-O'Brien; Verne S. Hill; Peter W. Hochuli; John J. Kastner, Jr.; Philip M. Kimble; D. Douglas Metcalf; Nanette C. A. Morrow; Tamara N. Mulembo; Christopher L. Straub; Joan L. Wagener; Jerald R. Wilson; and Wayne E. Yehling.

The Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on July 26, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711. Citizens may address the Commission at that meeting or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov). Written comments must arrive by July 22, 2013 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The selected applicants will be interviewed on September 6, 2013. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for the vacancy to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judge.