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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 22 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judge Maria del Mar Verdin.

The applicants are Scott Ambrose; Theodore Campagnolo; Elizabeth Cottor; John Drazkowski; Colleen French; Jennifer Green; Steven Holding; Stephen Hopkins; Lori Horn Bustamante; Brian Kaiser; Joseph Kiefer; Stephen Kupiszewski; Edith Lucero; Steven Lynch; Rachel Mitchell; Bernard Owens; Carolyn Passamonte; Louis Seletos; Shellie Smith; Lisa Tewksbury Hauser; Timothy Thomason; and Victoria Washington.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on May 2, 2014. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 345 of the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington. 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. Written comments must arrive by April 30, 2014 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the May 2nd meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on June 5, 2014. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judge.