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

The public is invited to comment on 27 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created when Judge Douglas Rayes was confirmed by the US Senate to serve as a judge in the US District Court, District of Arizona.

The applicants are Julie Ashworth LaFave; Paula Burgess; Theodore Campagnolo; Wendy Coy; John Drazkowski; Paula Eaton; Jennifer Green; Stephen Hopkins; Lori Horn Bustamante; Jason Johannes; Brian Kaiser; Joseph Kiefer; Stephen Kupiszewski; Edith Lucero; Steven Lynch; C. Steven McMurry; Rachel Mitchell; Carolyn Passamonte; Wesley Peterson; Eric Rothblum; Joseph Sciarrotta, Jr.; Louis Seletos; Shellie Smith; Lisa Tewksbury Hauser; Timothy Thomason; Julia Vigil; and Paula Williams.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on July 2, 2014. The meeting will begin at 9:30 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](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov). Written comments must arrive by June 30, 2014 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on July 21, 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.