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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 40 applicants for three vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the addition of Divisions 96, 97 and 98.

The applicants are Julie Ashworth LaFave; Jason Beckstead; Michael Blair; Paula Burgess; Theodore Campagnolo; Gregory Como; Jessica Cotter; Wendy Coy; John Drazkowski; Paula Eaton; Geoffrey Fish; Dewain Fox; Jennifer Green; Lisa T. Hauser; Stephen Hopkins; Jason Johannes; Brian Kaiser; Steven Keist; Joseph Kiefer; Stephen Kupiszewski; Edith Lucero; Steven Lynch; Edward Maldonado; Julie Mata; C. Steven McMurry; Frank Moskowitz; Bernard Owens; Carolyn Passamonte; Wesley Peterson; Denise Riden; Eric Rothblum; Jeffrey Rueter; Jennifer Ryan-Touhill; Aryeh Schwartz; Louis Seletos; James Smith; Shellie Smith; Lisa VandenBerg; 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 November 12, 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. Written comments must arrive by November 10, 2014 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the November 12th meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed at a date to be announced. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judges.