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Public Asked for Input on Candidates For Superior Court Vacancies

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments is seeking public input on 21 candidates for three openings on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

The candidates are: Julie Ashworth LaFave, Theodore Campagnolo, Gregory Como, John Drazkowski, Geoffrey Fish, Jennifer Green, Stephen Hopkins, Joseph Kiefer, Edith Lucero, Steven Lynch, Edward Maldonado, Frank Moskowitz, Bernard Owens, Carolyn Passamonte, Jeffrey Rueter, Jennifer Ryan-Touhill, Aryeh Schwartz, Louis Seletos, James Smith, Shellie Smith and Lisa VandenBerg.

Citizens may address the Commission about any of the candidates on November 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. The interviews will begin at 8:30 a.m. on November 20, 2014. The hearing will be held at the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington Street, Conference Room 345, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comment will not be accepted after the 2:00 p.m. hearing. Candidate interviews are open to the public and will follow the public hearing.

Written comments about candidates can be sent to the Commission at 1501 W. Washington Street, Suite 221, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 or by email to jnc@courts.az.gov. Comments must arrive by November 18th to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judges.