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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 20 applicants for the vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judges J. Richard Gama, Crane McClennen and Roland Steinle.

The applicants are:

- Michael A. Anderson
- Michael C. Blair
- Charles T. Carson
- Michelle Carson
- Jessica M. Cotter
- Max-Henri Covil
- Kimberly A. Demarchi
- Ronda R. Fisk
- Michael E. Gottfried
- Mark E. House
- Michelle D. Johnson
- Michael Kielsky
- Todd F. Lang
- Michael Mandell
- Phemonia L. Miller
- Scott S. Minder
- Erin O'Brien Otis
- Jeffrey A. Swierski
- Annielaurie Van Wie
- Lisa A. VandenBerg

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on June 29, 2016. The meeting will be 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 June 27, 2016 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the June 29 meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on July 27, 2016. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new judges.