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## **11 Applicants Being Considered for Two New Positions on the Arizona Supreme Court**

The public is asked for comments on 11 applicants for two new positions on the Arizona Supreme Court.

The applicants are:

- Kent E. Cattani, an Arizona Court of Appeals Judge – Division I
- Pamela S. Frasher Gates, a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge
- Thomas A. Gilson of Beus Gilbert, PLLC
- Andrew W. Gould, an Arizona Court of Appeals Judge – Division I
- Randall M. Howe, an Arizona Court of Appeals Judge – Division I
- John R. Lopez, IV of the Arizona Attorney General's Office
- Robert J. McWhirter of the Law Office of Robert J. McWhirter
- Jennifer M. Perkins of the Arizona Attorney General's Office
- Robert G. Schaffer of Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP
- Peter B. Swann, an Arizona Court of Appeals Judge – Division I
- Samuel A. Thumma, an Arizona Court of Appeals Judge – Division I

The appointment of a Supreme Court Justice is a transparent process and public input importantly helps the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments fairly and effectively evaluate each candidate. Applications are posted online at <http://www.azcourts.gov/jnc>.

**The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will review the applications and hear comments at a public meeting on September 1, 2016.** The meeting will be held in Room 101 of the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington. Citizens may address the Commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 West Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov). Comments must be received by August 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Commission will decide which applicants will be interviewed for the openings. The Commission will begin interviewing the selected applicants on September 29, 2016. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new justices.