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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 26 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judge Kristin C. Hoffman.

The applicants are:

- Michael A. Anderson
- Michael C. Blair
- Bruce D. Brown
- Frank J. Conti, Jr.
- 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
- Daniel W. McCarthy
- Scott S. Minder
- Keith R. Nelson
- Erin O'Brien Otis
- Andrew J. Russell
- Jeffrey A. Swierski
- Annielaurie Van Wie
- Lisa A. VandenBerg
- Timothy J. Watson
- Tracey J. Westerhausen

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on September 21, 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 September 19, 2016 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the September 21st meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on October 20, 2016. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new judge.