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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 20 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judge Karen O'Connor and the resignation of Judge Jose S. Padilla.

The applicants are:

- Glenn A. Allen
- Monica N. Bellapravalu Edelstein
- Joshua R. Boyle
- Robert I. Brooks
- Stasy D. Click
- Francisca J. Cota
- Marvin L. Davis
- Paula R. Eaton
- Elizabeth L. Fleming
- David W. Garbarino
- Michael E. Gottfried
- Michael Kielsky
- Julie A. LaFave
- Julie A. Mata
- David E. McDowell
- Suzanne M. Nicholls
- Sigmund G. Popko
- Michael Z. Rassas
- Andrew J. Russell
- Aryeh D. Schwartz

Their applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, <http://www.azcourts.gov/jnc>.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on January 10, 2020. The meeting will be in Room 345 of the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Citizens may address the Commission on the day of the meeting or send written comments to jnc@courts.az.gov or to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of written comments, and email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than January 7th to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the January 10th meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on February 27, 2020. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new judges.