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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 39 applicants for three vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judges Robert Budoff, Edward Burke and Joseph Heilman.

The applicants are Bradley H. Astrowsky, Cynthia J. Bailey, Michael L. Barth, John F. Beatty, Justin Beresky, Gregory R. Bizzozero, James T. Blomo, Mark H. Brain, Harold F. Brenneman, Jr., William G. Caravetta, III, Katherine M. Cooper, Janice K. Crawford, Mark W. Hawkins, Michael J. Herrod, Steven K. Holding, Jaime B. Holguin, Thomas P. Liddy, Todd S. Kartchner, Colleen A. Lomax, Steven P. Lynch, Phemonia L. Miller, James R. Morrow, Bernard C. Owens, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Lori B. Patrick, Wesley E. Peterson, Jay M. Polk, Gerald J. Porter, Angela L. Potts, Virginia L. Richter, Eric S. Rothblum, Maria Salapska, Louis T. Seletos, Joan M. Sinclair, Shellie Smith, Benjamin E. Vatz, Danielle J. Viola, Eartha K. Washington and S. Lee White.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on March 25, 2011. The meeting will be held at the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Room 345, starting at 10:00 a.m. Citizens may address the commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by March 23 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed at the March 25 meeting. The selected applicants will be interviewed on April 15. After the interviews the commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judges.