

**ANNOUNCEMENT
of
JUDICIAL VACANCIES**

ANNOUNCING:

Applications are being accepted for two new positions on the Arizona Supreme Court.

An original completed application, 16 double-sided copies, and one (1) single-sided copy must be received by the Human Resources Department, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007, no later than 3:00 p.m. on August 8, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have been admitted to the practice of law in, and a resident of, Arizona for the past 10 years, and under age 65 at the time the nomination is sent to the Governor.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

The application form can be downloaded in Word format from: <http://www.azcourts.gov/jnc> or can be obtained by calling (602) 452-3311 or sending a request to jnc@courts.az.gov.

All written comments about applicants should be directed to the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, c/o Vanessa Haney, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or at jnc@courts.az.gov. All comments received at that address will be distributed to all commission members. **Applicants are asked to limit solicited reference letters to a maximum of 12, from a diverse group of people who are well-acquainted with the applicant.** Comments received by August 30 will be provided to the commission members before the first meeting about this vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

To comment on issues relevant to the vacant judgeships or on a particular candidate, submit a written statement no later than August 30, 2016, to the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, Attn: Vanessa Haney, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007. An opportunity for public comment will also be scheduled at both Commission meetings about these vacancies.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Arizona Constitution requires the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments to submit at least three nominees to the Governor within 60 days of the effective date of a vacancy. The Governor has 60 days in which to make a selection from the nominees submitted by the Commission. To obtain the procedures of the Commissions on Appellate and Trial Court Appointments or a list of Commission members call (602) 452-3311 or visit the website: <http://www.azcourts.gov/jnc>.

At its first meeting, the Commission reviews the applications and determines which applicants will be interviewed. That meeting and the subsequent interviews are open to the public, and voting on the nominations is conducted in a public session. News releases announcing the meetings will be issued at least one week prior to each meeting.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

As of January 1, 2017, the annual salary of an Arizona Supreme Court justice will be \$157,325. Arizona Supreme Court justices are eligible to enroll in State benefit plans.

JUDICIAL RETENTION:

The justice is subject to an unopposed, nonpartisan retention election at the first general election held at least two years after he or she takes office. To be retained, a justice must receive a majority of affirmative votes cast. Following the first retention election, justices of the Arizona Supreme Court stand for retention election every six years.

JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW:

The Arizona Constitution requires that justices and judges undergo a performance review before each retention election, the results of which are disseminated to voters before the election. The Supreme Court adopts the rules that govern judicial performance review, a copy of which can be obtained by calling (602) 452-3311. The standards adopted by the Supreme Court and the Commission on Judicial Performance Review for evaluating justices and judges are:

"The judge shall administer justice fairly, ethically, uniformly, promptly and efficiently. The judge shall be free from personal bias in decision making, shall decide cases based on proper application of law and procedure to the facts, and shall issue prompt, clear rulings and decisions that demonstrate competent legal analysis. The judge shall act with dignity, courtesy and patience. The judge shall effectively manage the courtroom and discharge the administrative responsibilities of the office."