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Additional Vacancy Creates Two Openings in Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals

PHOENIX - The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has received notice of a new vacancy in Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals created by the upcoming retirement of Hon. Samuel A. Thumma. This opening will be combined with the previously announced vacancy created by the retirement of Hon. David B. Gass.

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will review applications and hear comments at a public meeting on July 16, 2026. The meeting will be held in Conference Room 101 of the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007. The applications, public meeting notice, and meeting agenda are posted on the Commission's website, azcourts.gov/jnc.

The public 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 – email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than July 13 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will select the applicants to be interviewed at the July 16 meeting, they will then be interviewed on Aug. 20, 2026. The logistics of this meeting will be available after the July 16 meeting. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judges.

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