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Applications Being Accepted for Two Vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County

PHOENIX - Applications are being accepted for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the upcoming retirement of Hon. Tracey Westerhausen and the resignation of Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review applications, interview selected applicants and recommend at least three nominees for each vacancy to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judges.

The most current judicial application form can be downloaded at the Judicial Nominating Commission website: azcourts.gov/jnc. Applications may also be obtained from the Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources Department, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, by calling 602-452-3311, or by sending an email request to jnc@courts.az.gov.

Applicants must be at least 30 years of age, of good moral character, admitted to the practice of law in, and a resident of Arizona for the past five years, and a resident of Maricopa County for the past year.

A signed and searchable PDF application with all attachments must be digitally submitted by 12 p.m. on Feb. 4, 2026. Please review the application instructions for guidance on submitting your electronic application.

Applicants for the recent vacancies in Maricopa County DO NOT need to reapply to be considered for the new vacancies.

The Commission may, at its discretion, use applications filed for these vacancies to nominate candidates for any additional vacancies known to the Commission before the screening meeting for these vacancies is held.

All meetings of the Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments are open to the public. Meeting dates will be announced.

The current annual salary of a Superior Court judge is \$200,000.

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