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24 Applicants Being Considered for Superior Court in Maricopa County

PHOENIX - The public is invited to comment on 24 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Hon. Dean M. Fink and Hon. Michael D. Gordon.

The applicants are:

- Samin Adib
- Ramsey K. Bronyah
- William M. Cawthon
- Lacey A. Fisher
- Therese A. Gantz
- Gregory J. Gnepper
- Saman J. Golestan
- Christina A. Henderson
- Lindsay M. Hughes Kunaschk
- David J. Keys-Nunes
- Jacob A. Kubert
- Todd C. Lawson
- Jason D. Lewis
- Shalanda M. Looney
- Michael A. Minicozzi
- Kristian M. Morales
- Christopher A. Nichols
- Michael P. Obert, Jr.
- Joseph M. Rhoades
- Nicholas J. Saccone
- Sarah E. Selzer
- Jonathan C. Simon
- Jordan A. Smith
- Joshua M. Whitaker

Applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, azcourts.gov/jnc.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review applications and hear comments at a public meeting on June 19, 2026. The meeting will be held in Conference Room 101 of the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The public meeting notice and meeting agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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 June 15 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will select the applicants to be interviewed at the June 19 meeting, they will then be interviewed on July 14, 2026. The logistics of this meeting will be available after the June 19 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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