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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Vacancies on Superior Court in Maricopa County

PHOENIX - The public is invited to comment on 15 candidates for three vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirements of Hon. Pamela H. Dunne, Hon. Tracey Westerhausen and the resignation of Hon. Lisa S. Wahlin.

The candidates are:

- Samin Adib
- Christian J. Bell
- Ramsey K. Bronyah
- Harla M. Davison
- Lacey A. Fisher
- Lindsay M. Hughes Kunaschk
- Utiki S. Laing
- Todd C. Lawson
- Michael A. Minicozzi
- Christopher A. Nichols
- Michael P. Obert, Jr.
- Ashley B. Rahaman
- Sarah E. Selzer
- Joshua M. Whitaker
- Kirsten J. Wright

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

The Commission will meet to interview the candidates on Mar. 2, 2026. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and be held in Conference Room 101 at the Arizona State Courts Building - 1501 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. The interview agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public may address the Commission on Mar. 2, 2026. Written comments may also be submitted via email to jnc@courts.az.gov or mailed to 1501 W. Washington St., 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 Feb. 25, 2026, to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

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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