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## 14 Applicants Being Considered for Vacancy on Superior Court in Pima County

**PHOENIX** - The public is invited to comment on 14 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Pima County created by the retirement of Hon. Joan L. Wagener.

The applicants are:

- Michael J. Martinez Areinoff
- Luke E. Brown
- Soo Conatser
- Marie D. Kagie-Shutey
- T. Clayton Kamm
- Derek J. Koltunovich
- Maria A. Morlacci
- James W. Rappaport
- Nicole P. Savel
- William R. Soland
- Christina M. Vejar
- Katherine M. Voll
- Dawn R. Walton
- Antonio L. Zapata

Applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, [azcourts.gov/jnc](https://azcourts.gov/jnc).

**The Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review applications and hear comments at a public meeting on Apr. 8, 2026.** Meeting details will be on the public meeting notice. The public meeting notice and meeting 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 the day of the meeting or send written comments via email to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov) or mailed 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 Apr. 3 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

The Commission will select the applicants to be interviewed at the Apr. 8 meeting, and they will then be interviewed on Apr. 30. The logistics of this meeting will be available after the Apr. 8 meeting. After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judge.

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