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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Two Vacancies in Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals

PHOENIX - The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments is asking for public comment on 16 candidates for two vacancies in Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals created by the retirements of Hon. David B. Gass and Hon. Samuel A. Thumma.

The candidates are:

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| • Molly P. Brizgys | • Suzanne S. Marwil |
| • Sheena S. Chiang | • Randal B. McDonald III |
| • Monica N.B. Edelstein | • Timothy W. Overton |
| • Grace M. Guisewite | • Alexander W. Samuels |
| • Jonathan E. Hauer | • Amy D. Sells |
| • Karen L. Johnson Stillwell | • Mikel P. Steinfeld |
| • Alice M. Jones | • Barry G. Stratford |
| • Shalanda M. Looney | • Erik Thorson |

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

The Commission will meet to interview the candidates on Aug. 20-21. The meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on both days and be held in Conference Room 101 of the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, 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 Aug. 20. Written comments may also be submitted via email to 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 August 17 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

Following 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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