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Applications Being Accepted for Vacancy in Division One of Arizona Court of Appeals

PHOENIX - Applications are being accepted for a vacancy in Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals created by the upcoming retirement of Hon. Paul J. McMurdie.

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

The updated 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, and admitted to the practice of law in and a resident of the state of Arizona for five years prior to taking office. Applicants must also be a resident of Maricopa County for at least one year prior to the appointment.

A signed and searchable PDF application with all attachments must be digitally submitted by 12 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2025. Please review the application instructions for guidance on submitting your electronic application.

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

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

The current annual salary of a court of appeals judge is \$200,000. Effective Jan. 1, 2026, the annual salary will increase to \$210,000.

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