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Public Comment Sought on Superior Court Applicants

The public is invited to comment on 25 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the vacated seats of Judges Benjamin Norris and Emmet Ronan.

The applicants are Julie Ashworth LaFave; Michael Blair; Theodore Campagnolo; Eric Childs; Gregory Como; Jessica Cotter; Wendy Coy; Dewain Fox; Stephen Hopkins; Jason Johannes; Brian Kaiser; Edith Lucero; Steven Lynch; Edward Maldonado; Julie Mata; Charles S. McMurry; Bernard Owens; Laura Reckart; Denise Riden; Jeffrey Rueter; Aryeh Schwartz; James Smith; Shellie Smith; Lisa VandenBerg; and Gerald Williams.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on January 29, 2015. The meeting will be in Room 345 of the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington. Citizens may address the Commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or by email to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by January 27, 2015 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the January 29th meeting, the Commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on February 12, 2015. After the interviews the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new judges.