

Public Comment Sought on Candidates for Superior Court Commissioner Vacancy

The public is being asked for comments on 13 applicants for two vacancies created on the Pima County Superior Court Bench by the retirements of Hon. Karen Nygaard and Hon. Douglas Mitchell and one vacancy to serve initially at Juvenile Court in place of the present hearing officer.

The Nominating Committee reviewed 36 qualified applications from a total of 44 received for the commissioner position and selected 13 to be interviewed:

Ms. Michelle C. Araneta
Ms. Marjorie S. Becklund
Hon. Thomas J. Berning
Ms. Ellen Ridge Brown
Ms. Jane A. Butler
Ms. Jennifer P. Langford
Ms. Cathleen L. Linn
Ms. Wendy A. Million
Ms. Alyce L. Pennington
Ms. Laurie Beaver San Angelo
Mr. Ken Sanders
Ms. Pamela A. Treadwell-Rubin
Mr. Paul E. Willman

The interviews will be held on October 29 and October 31 at the Pima County Juvenile Court Center, 225 E. Ajo Way, Training Center, Sedona room from 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on both days. The public is invited to provide comments regarding the applicants listed. Comments shall be in writing to the committee or verbally to a committee member. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Comments regarding the applicants shall be made no later than Tuesday, October 23, 2012 by 4 p.m.

Written comments may be submitted to the Superior Court Human Resources, 110 W. Congress, 9th floor, Tucson, AZ 85701; fax (520) 724-4253 or e-mail: scjobs@sc.pima.gov (cc: isaar@sc.pima.gov). Verbal comments may be directed to committee members as follows: Hon. Kenneth Lee, Co-Chair, Hon. Christopher P. Staring, Co-Chair, Hon. Terry L. Chandler, Hon. Julia Connors, Jack Assini, Esq., Lisa Bibbens, Esq., Jane Jacobs, Esq., Joi Hollis, M.Ed., Clinical Services Supervisor, The Family Center of the Conciliation Court; Lt. Paul Sayers, Tucson Police Department; and Humberto Stevens, Vice President, Commerce Bank of Arizona. After the interviews, the committee will recommend the finalists to the Presiding Judge Sarah R. Simmons and Presiding Juvenile Judge Karen S. Adam who will make the appointment. A fourth appointment may be made if there is an additional vacancy for a commissioner position at the time of the interviews by the Presiding Judges.