

**FLORIDA FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE RELATED TO APPLICATIONS FOR U.S.
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT, MIDDLE DISTRICT AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA**

Pursuant to the instructions set forth in the attached letter from Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Bill Nelson, dated August 29th, 2017, the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) is now accepting applications for the purpose of recommending a specified number of applicants for the position of United States District Court Judge, as follows:

- Northern District of Florida: the JNC will select and submit four (4) finalists to Florida's Senators
- Middle District of Florida: the JNC will select and submit four (4) finalists to Florida's Senators
- Southern District of Florida: the JNC will select and submit ten (10) finalists to Florida's Senators

Completed Applications must be received by the Commission's Statewide Chair VIA E-MAIL ONLY and in PDF Format, as follows:

- **Northern District of Florida: Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on October 11, 2017**
- **Middle District of Florida: Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on October 30th, 2017**
- **Southern District of Florida: Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on October 12th, 2017**

The Statewide Chair will distribute all applications electronically to the individual District Chairs who will then distribute applications electronically to commission members.

Applicants MUST reference for which district the application is being submitted in the subject line of their E-Mail submittal.

Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Florida who are selected by the commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at the U.S. Courthouse, 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room, 111 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida who are selected by the commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on December 4th, 2017 at Orlando International Airport, Orlando Aviation Authority Boardroom, 1 Jeff Fuqua Blvd. Orlando, Florida.

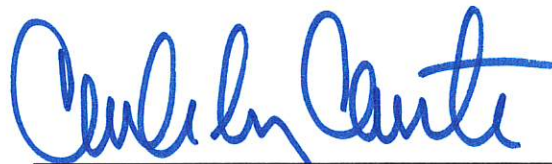
Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida who are selected by the commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28th and 29th, 2017 at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Applicants who are selected for personal interviews will be notified via E-Mail by the Statewide Chair of the time and date of their interview, 30 days or more before the interview date.

The Rules of Procedure for the JNC, dated April 20, 2017, application forms for 2017-2019 with incorporated instructions, and the names and contact information of the 2017-2019 JNC are available at the following websites: 1) The Florida Bar (www.floridabar.org) , 2) U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida (www.flnd.uscourts.gov) 2) U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (www.flmd.uscourts.gov), 3) U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (www.flsd.uscourts.gov). In addition, these materials may also be obtained by E-mail request, to the Commission's Statewide Chair CLCJNCFL@Gmail.com.

It is recommended that all applicants and interested parties follow the official Twitter page of the JNC @FLFEDJNC for updates and announcements.

DATED: September 6, 2017



**Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Statewide Chair
Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission**

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 29, 2017

Carlos Lopez-Cantera
Statewide Chair
150 Alhambra Circle, Suite 925
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Carlos:

The president of the United States selects nominees to the federal judiciary when vacancies arise. It is customary for the president to consult with a state's U.S. senators before formally nominating individuals to serve in these positions.

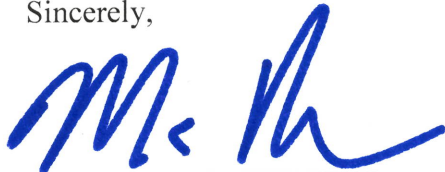
As part of this customary process, Florida's senators recommend to the president for his consideration candidates to fill federal district court judge vacancies in Florida. We wish to provide the names of such additional candidates as soon as possible.

At this time, and subject to change by agreement between the senators, we ask that the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) immediately begin its selection process by inviting applications and subsequently identifying and recommending finalists to us for vacancies in each of the three districts as follows:

- Southern District of Florida: Please provide us with the names of ten finalists to be U.S. District Judge.
- Middle District of Florida: Please provide us with the names of four finalists to be U.S. District Judge.
- Northern District of Florida: Please provide us with the names of four finalists to be U.S. District Judge.

We ask that you provide the names of the finalists who are duly selected pursuant to the JNC rules by December 31, 2017. We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,



MARCO RUBIO



BILL NELSON