

# **Nominating Commission to Accept Applications For Vacant Pinellas County Judge's Position**

ST. PETERSBURG – The Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) has begun accepting applications for the vacancy created by the recent appointment of Pinellas County Judge Shawn Crane to a circuit judgeship.

Deadline for the JNC to receive the applications is 5 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Applicants for the county judge position will be screened by the JNC. Following candidate interviews on Nov. 4, the JNC will select between three and six nominees. The names of those nominees will be submitted to Gov. Jeb Bush, who then will have 60 days to make the appointments.

Applicants must be registered voters and have been members in good standing of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years. One original and nine copies of the completed application and attachments must be received by 5 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the law offices of Peter Meros at Meros, Smith & Olney, P.A., 757 Arlington Ave. North, St. Petersburg 33731.

Wood said persons who have submitted applications for recent vacancies must submit new applications.

Applications are available for downloading from the Florida Bar website ([www.flabar.org](http://www.flabar.org)), and questions may be directed to Wood at 727-823-6888.

Judge Crane was appointed to fill a circuit judge vacancy created by the removal from office of former Judge John Renke.