

Nominating Commission Accepting Applications For Vacant Sixth Circuit Judge's Position

ST. PETERSBURG – ST. PETERSBURG – The Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) has begun accepting applications for the vacancy created by the recent appointment of Circuit Judge Robert J. Morris to a seat on the Second District Court of Appeal.

Deadline for JNC Chair Peter Meros to receive the applications is 4 p.m. on July 15.

The applications will be screened by the JNC, and qualified applicants selected for the interview process will be contacted by a JNC member. Following the interviews, the JNC will select between three and six nominees. The names of those nominees will be submitted to Gov. Charlie Crist, who then will have 60 days to appoint one of the nominees.

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 4 p.m. on July 15 in the law offices of Peter Meros at Meros, Smith, Lazzara & Olney, P.A., 757 Arlington Ave. North, St. Petersburg 33705.

Meros said persons who have submitted applications for previous vacancies must submit new applications.

Applications are available for downloading from the Florida Bar website (www.flabar.org), and questions may be directed to Meros at 727-822-4929, ext 3, or PMeros@mso-law.com.

Judge Morris – chief judge in the circuit that includes Pinellas and Pasco counties – was appointed to fill an Appeal Court vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Thomas Lee Stringer.