

## **Nominating Commission to Accept Applications For Vacant Sixth Circuit 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 Circuit Judge Nelly Khouzam 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 Sept. 5.

The applications will be screened by the JNC, and applicants selected for the interview process will be contacted by a JNC member, who will provide a time for the interview on Oct. 2. 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 Sept. 5 in the law offices of Peter Meros at Meros, Smith, Lazarra & 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](http://www.flabar.org)), and questions may be directed to Meros at 727-822-4929, ext 3, or [PMeros@mso-law.com](mailto:PMeros@mso-law.com).

Judge Khouzam was appointed to fill an Appeal Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge E. J. Salcines.