

Judicial Nominating Commission Selects 6 Nominees for County Judge's Position

CLEARWATER – Six attorneys offering a variety of experience are on the list of nominees from which Gov. Jeb Bush will fill a judge's position that became open last month when Pinellas County Judge Shawn Crane was appointed to a Circuit judgeship.

Emory Wood, chair of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission (JNC), said the nominees are:

- Carl Edward Brody, Jr, senior assistant county attorney for Pinellas County;
- Robert Dittmer, an attorney in private practice with Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller & Lancaster, LLP, St. Petersburg;
- Mary Morrissey Handsel, lead trial attorney and assistant state attorney in the Sixth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's West Pasco office;
- Myriam Irizarry, chief deputy director of the Court & Operational Services Division for the Pinellas County Clerk of Court;
- Joe D. Lovelace, general magistrate in the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Family Law Division;
- Glenn L. Martin, Jr., prosecutor and assistant state attorney in the State Attorney's Pinellas office.

The six were selected from a list of 26 applicants, who submitted applications to the JNC.

The names of the nominees have been sent to Gov. Jeb Bush, who has 60 days to name one to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Crane to fill a circuit judge vacancy created by the removal from office of former Judge John Renke.