



# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

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The Honorable Brian P. Kemp  
Governor  
206 Washington Street  
Suite 203, State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

The Judicial Nominating Commission met on December 10, 2025, to conduct interviews and consider candidates for the vacancy on the Superior Court of the Augusta Judicial Circuit. The Commission received six applications and interviewed four candidates.

After considering the candidates for this vacancy, the Commission sends the following to you for your consideration:

Kristi Connell  
Matthew Matson

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Vincent R. Russo

Mark Middleton

Hon. Shawn LaGrua