



# 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 12, 2025, to conduct interviews and consider candidates for the vacancy on Division B of the State Court of DeKalb County. The Commission received seventeen applications and interviewed six candidates.

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

Mercedes Ball  
Joshua Geller  
Zulma Lopez

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Vincent R. Russo

Mark Middleton

Hon. Shawn LaGrua