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December 15, 2025

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 State Court of Spalding County. The Commission received five applications and interviewed all five candidates.

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

Patrick Shepherd
Tommy Ison

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Vincent R. Russo

Mark Middleton

Hon. Shawn LaGrua