



# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

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Dear Governor Kemp:

**Sheetal Desai, Esq.**

The Judicial Nominating Commission met on December 1, 2023, to conduct interviews and consider the candidates for the vacancy on the Georgia Court of Appeals. The Commission previously interviewed nineteen candidates and selected five additional candidates to interview.

**Hon. Charles E. Evans, Jr.**

**T. Mills Fleming, Esq.**

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After considering all of the candidates, the Commission is sending the candidates on our prior short list who want to be reconsidered and two additional candidates for your consideration.

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Thank you for allowing us this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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