



# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

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This is to provide notice to members of the Bar and the public that the Judicial Nominating Commission for the State of Georgia, established by Executive Order of Governor Brian P. Kemp, is now engaged in the process of receiving names of persons to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit, which was created by the appointment of the Honorable Jeffrey A. Watkins to the Georgia Court of Appeals.

You are invited to submit nominations for this vacancy. Members of the Bar may submit their own name or the names of others. The public is also invited to submit nominations. Nominations must be received by the Commission no later than **August 7, 2023**. Nominations should be submitted either by email to Vincent Russo, co-Chair of the Commission, at [nominations@robbinsfirm.com](mailto:nominations@robbinsfirm.com) or by letter addressed to: Judicial Nominating Commission, c/o Vincent Russo, 500 14th Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318. **Please include a current email address for anyone you nominate so the Commission can contact your nominee.**

The deadline to submit an application is **August 21, 2023**. Applications may be submitted to the Commission by email at [nominations@robbinsfirm.com](mailto:nominations@robbinsfirm.com) or by mail addressed to: Judicial Nominating Commission, c/o Vincent Russo, 500 14th Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Applicants should download the application package from the Commission's website at [jnc.georgia.gov/application](http://jnc.georgia.gov/application). Applicants selected for an interview will be notified of the date, time, and location of their interview.

The Commission will select and recommend to the Governor a short list from those applicants interviewed and found to be "qualified" or "well qualified" for this position.

For additional information regarding the Commission and the application process, you may visit us at [www.jnc.georgia.gov](http://www.jnc.georgia.gov).

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