



# JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION STATE OF GEORGIA

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE BAR AND  
ALL CITIZENS OF THE OCONEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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 the vacancy on the Superior Court of the Oconee Judicial Circuit, which was created by the passing of the Honorable Howard Cauldwell Kaufold, Jr.

Nominations must be received by the Commission no later than **August 12, 2026**. 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. Nominations should include a current email address for anyone you nominate so the Commission can contact your nominee.

Additionally, the deadline for nominees to submit an application is **August 25, 2026**. 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.

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