

**FLORIDA FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE
RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGES, U.S.
ATTORNEYS AND U.S. MARSHALS**

Pursuant to the instructions set forth in the attached letter from Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Mel Martinez, dated April 30, 2009, the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal, Southern District of Florida

The revised Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Nominating Commission, dated April 30, 2009, application forms with incorporated instructions, and the names and addresses of the members of the Commission are available at the following websites: 1) The Florida Bar (www.floridabar.org), 2) U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida (www.flnd.uscourts.gov), 3) U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (www.flmd.uscourts.gov), and 4) U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (www.flsd.uscourts.gov). In addition, these materials may also be obtained from the Commission Chair, John M. Fitzgibbons, The Law Offices of John M. Fitzgibbons, 707 North Franklin Street, Suite 700, Tampa, Florida 33602, Telephone: (813) 221-8800.

Completed applications must be received by the Commission Chair and Commission members in the manner specified by the Rules of Procedure by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2009. Applicants who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be subsequently notified as to the date, time and location of the interviews.

DATED: May 1, 2009



John M. Fitzgibbons
Chair

Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

April 30, 2009

John M. Fitzgibbons, Esq.
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Dear John:

The selection of U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals is up to the President of the United States. U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals serve at the President's pleasure. He is not required to wait for a vacancy before appointing or reappointing a U.S. Attorney or U.S. Marshal, and it is our understanding that he intends to exercise his prerogative. It is customary for the President to consult with members of the United States Senate from the State in question before making this decision.

The President also selects nominees to federal bench when there is vacancy. The President has requested that Senators recommend potential judicial nominees to fill federal district court vacancies in Florida. He has asked us to provide these names as soon as possible.

At this time, therefore, we ask that the Judicial Nominating Commission undertake its selection process, invite applications and identify finalists for the following positions.

- U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida (Judge Hurley retired on February 24, 2009)
- U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida (Judge Adams' retirement is effective on April 8, 2010)
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal in the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal in the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal in the Southern District of Florida

For each position, we ask that you provide us with the names of three finalists who are duly selected through the process provided for by the Commission Rules. Any incumbent U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal may re-apply if he or she wishes to continue serving.

We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,

 