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Governor Ron DeSantis Makes Sixty-Three Judicial Nominating Commission Appointments

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announces the following appointments to Florida's Judicial Nominating Commissions:

Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission

Daniel Norby, of Tallahassee, is a Partner at Shutts & Bowen LLP. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Norby is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2026.

Jesse Panuccio, of Fort Lauderdale, is a Partner at Boies Schiller Flexner LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University and his juris doctorate from Harvard University. Panuccio is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Harout Samra, of Coral Gables, is Of Counsel at DLA Piper LLP. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami. Samra is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Heather Stearns, of Tallahassee, is the President of Liberty Dental Plan. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and her juris doctorate from Florida State University. Stearns is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Timothy Cerio, of Tallahassee, is the President and Executive Director of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Cerio is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

First District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

James Percival, of Tallahassee, is the Chief of Staff for the Florida Attorney General. He earned his bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara and his juris doctorate from the University of Virginia. Percival is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Gary Hunter, of Tallahassee, is a Partner at Holtzman Vogel. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Georgia. Hunter is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Brad McVay, of Tallahassee, is the Deputy Secretary of State for Legal Affairs & Election Integrity Florida Department of State. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. McVay is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Second District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Chad Mizelle, of Tampa, is the Chief Legal Officer at Affinity Partners. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from Cornell University. Mizelle is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Tyler Cathey, of Tampa, is the General Counsel at Ally Capital Group. He earned his bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Cathey is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Third District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Adam Foslid, of Coral Gables, is a Partner at Winston & Strawn LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from George Washington University. Foslid is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Lauren Morse, of Miami, is an Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County. She earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her juris doctorate from Yale University. Morse is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Fourth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Debra Jenks, of Palm Beach Gardens, is the President of Debra A. Jenks, P.A. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her juris doctorate from Lewis & Clark Law School. Jenks is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Daniel Epstein, of Boca Raton, is the Director of Legal and Policy at Trust Ventures. He earned his bachelor's degree from Kenyon College and his juris doctorate from Emory University. Epstein is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Jonathan Osborne, of Hollywood, is a Shareholder at Gunster. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska and his juris doctorate from Georgetown University. Osborne is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Fifth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

M. Scott Thomas, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is a Partner at Burr & Forman, LLP. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Thomas is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Amanda Carl, of Osteen, is the Director of Legal and Government Affairs at Harrell's, LLC. She earned both her bachelor's degree and her juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Carl is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Carrie Eisnaugle, of Sanford, is Of Counsel at The Grosshans Group, PLLC. She earned her bachelor's degree from Luther College and her juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University. Eisnaugle is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Alan Wachs, of Jacksonville, is a Partner at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Florida and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Wachs is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Sixth District Court of Appeal Judicial Nominating Commission

Amira Fox, of Fort Myers, is the State Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida. She earned her bachelor's degree from American University and her juris doctorate from George Washington University. Fox is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Joshua Grosshans, of Winter Garden, is the Founder of The Grosshans Group, PLLC. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Grosshans is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Ronald Edwards, of Windermere, is a Shareholder at Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor, & Reed, P.A. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Edwards is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

First Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Mark Davis, of DeFuniak Springs, is a Shareholder at Clark Partington. He earned his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Davis is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2026.

George Brannon, of Santa Rosa Beach, is an Attorney at Fidelity National Title Group. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Memphis. Brannon is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Second Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Kristina Osterhaus, of Tallahassee, is an Adjunct Professor at Florida State University. She earned her bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and her juris doctorate from the University of Chicago. Osterhaus is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Denise Harle, of Tallahassee, is a Partner at Shutts & Bowen LLP. She earned her bachelor's degree from Florida State University and her juris doctorate from Duke University. Harle is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

William Spicola, of Tallahassee, is the President of Komisar Spicola. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Spicola is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Timothy Moore, of Tallahassee, is a Shareholder at GrayRobinson, PA. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Moore is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Fourth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Anthony Zebouni, of Jacksonville, is a Partner at Lindell, Farson & Zebouni, P.A. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from Loyola University. Zebouni is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Patrick Kilbane, of Jacksonville, is a Partner and the General Counsel at Ullman Wealth Partners Group. He earned his bachelor's degree from Adrian College and his juris doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. Kilbane is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Chanda Rogers, of Fernandina Beach, is the Owner of The Rogers Firm, PLLC. She earned her bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University and her juris doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law. Rogers is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Fifth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

William Gladson, of Ocala, is the State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from St. Thomas University. Gladson is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Lazaro Fields, of Lecanto, is a Partner at Continental PLLC. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Fields is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Sixth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Denis deVlaming, of Clearwater, is a Partner at deVlaming & Rivellini, PA. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and his juris doctorate from Stetson University. deVlaming is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Adam Ross, of Clearwater, is an Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree from Trinity College and his juris doctorate from Barry University. Ross is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Berny Jacques, of Seminole, is the Senior Director of Partnerships at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay. He earned his bachelor's degree from Washington Adventist University and his juris doctorate from Stetson University. Jacques is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Seventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Anna Shea, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is a Senior Deputy General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer at FIS. She earned both her bachelor's degree and her juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Shea is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2026.

Jeremy Gregory, of Ponte Vedra Beach, is an Attorney at Balch & Bingham LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from the University of Georgia. Gregory is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2026.

Kelly Kwiatek, of Ormond Beach, is the Chief Legal Officer at Halifax Staffing, Inc. She earned her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and her juris doctorate from Florida State University. Kwiatek is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

John Reid, of Daytona Beach Shores, is an Assistant State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. Reid is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Ninth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Jeff Aaron, of Maitland, is a Founding Shareholder at DownsAaron. He earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Aaron is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Joseph Towne, of Orlando, is Of Counsel at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from Stetson University. Towne is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Tenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Krista Mahalak, of Winter Haven, is a Shareholder at Peterson & Myers, P.A. She earned her bachelor's degree from Bethany College and her juris doctorate from the University of Nebraska. Mahalak is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Robert Peddy, of Lakeland, is the Owner of the Law Offices of Peddy, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from Emory University and his juris doctorate from Stetson University. Peddy is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Mattie Tondreault, of Lakeland, is a Partner at Hardin & Ball, P.A. She earned her bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University and her juris doctorate from Mercer University. Tondreault is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Lydia Zbrzezni, of Bartow, is a Managing Member of Southern Atlantic Law Group, PLLC. She earned her bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and her juris doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law. Zbrzezni is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Miguel Gonzalez, of Coral Gables, is an Assistant County Attorney for Miami-Dade County. He earned his bachelor's degree from Amherst College and his juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University. Gonzalez is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Jesus Suarez, of Miami, is a Partner at Continental PLLC. He earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and his juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Suarez is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Hayden O'Byrne, of Miami, is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. He earned both his bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami. O'Byrne is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Anthony Rolfes, of Osprey, is Of Counsel at Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from Stetson University and his juris doctorate from Cumberland School of Law. Rolfes is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Nancy Cason, of Sarasota, is a Managing Partner at Syprett Meshad, P.A. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and her juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Cason is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Lisa Carlton, of Sidell, is the Co-Owner and Manager of Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc. She earned her bachelor's degree from Stetson University and her juris doctorate from Mercer University. Carlton is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Bonnie Lee Polk, of Sarasota, is a Partner at Williams Parker Attorneys at Law. She earned her bachelor's degree from Lynn University and her juris doctorate from Stetson University. Polk is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Max Amster, of Tampa, is the Chief Executive Officer at Veridis Management LLC. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and his juris doctorate from Harvard University. Amster is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Jennie Granahan Tarr, of Tampa, is Of Counsel at Shumaker Loop & Kendrick, LLP. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and her juris doctorate from Oral Roberts University. Tarr is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Gordon Dieterle, of Boca Raton, is a Partner at Peter M. Feaman, PA. He earned his bachelor's degree from New York University and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Dieterle is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Steven DeLorenz, of Boca Raton, is a Shareholder at Talisman & DeLorenz, P.C. He earned his bachelor's degree from Fordham University and his juris doctorate from Pepperdine University. DeLorenz is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Barry Postman, of Palm Beach Gardens, is a Managing Partner at Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami. Postman is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Eric Yesner, of Parkland, is a Senior Associate at GrayRobinson, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and his juris doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Yesner is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Camille Coolidge Shotwell, of Oakland Park, is the Owner of Coolidge Law Group, P.A. She earned her bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University and her juris doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Coolidge is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Thomas Oates, of Lighthouse Point, is a Partner at the Law Offices of Oates & Oates, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from Stetson University. Oates is reappointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

Shane Williams, of Merritt Island, is an Assistant State Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ave Maria University and his juris doctorate from Barry University. Williams is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2027.

Michael Sjuggerud, of Altamonte Springs, is the Owner of Coolidge Law Group, P.A. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his juris doctorate from Florida State University. Sjuggerud is appointed for a term ending July 1, 2028.

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