

**FLORIDA FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION NOTICE
RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, NORTHERN
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA AND U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA**

Pursuant to the instructions set forth in the attached letter from Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Marco Rubio, dated April 15, 2011, the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission is now accepting applications for the following positions:

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

The revised Rules of Procedure for the Judicial Nominating Commission, dated April 11, 2011, application forms with incorporated instructions, and the names and addresses of the members of the Commission, dated April 11, 2011 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's Statewide 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's Statewide Chair and each Commission member in the manner specified by the Rules of Procedure by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2011. Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Southern District of Florida, who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Monday, July 25, 2011 at the Judge's Conference Room, 14th Floor, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse, 400 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida. Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Northern District of Florida, who are selected by the Commission for personal interviews will be interviewed on Friday, July 29, 2011 at the U.S. Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room, 111 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Applicants for U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Florida, who are selected by the Commission for

personal interviews will be interviewed on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the Ceremonial Courtroom 3A, George C. Young U.S. Courthouse, 401 West Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida. The names of the applicants who are selected for personal interviews with the Commission, as well as the interview times, will be published on each website on July 15, 2011.

DATED: May 2, 2011



John M. Fitzgibbons
Statewide Chair
Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

April 15, 2011

John M. Fitzgibbons, Esq.
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Dear John:

The President of the United States selects nominees to the federal judiciary when there is vacancy. The selection of U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals is also made by the President, and they serve at the President's pleasure. It is customary for the President to consult with members of the United States Senate from the State in question before nominating individuals to serve in these positions.

The President has requested that Senators recommend potential nominees to fill federal district court vacancies. He has asked us to provide these names as soon as possible.

Therefore, at this time we ask that the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission ("Commission") undertake its selection process and identify finalists for the following positions:

- U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida (one vacancy created by the taking of senior status by Judge Alan S. Gold in January 2011)
- U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida (one vacancy created by the taking of senior status by Judge Stephan P. Mickle in June 2011)
- U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida (one vacancy created by the taking of senior status by Judge Richard A. Lazzara in December 2011)

For each vacancy, we ask that you provide the names of three finalists who are duly selected through the process provided for by the Commission Rules by August 15, 2011. We look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,

MARCO RUBIO

BILL NELSON