

**SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL**  
Office of the Circuit Executive

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Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, P.L. 98-353, the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the Selection of United States Bankruptcy Judge Nominees, and the Procedures of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council for the Selection of Bankruptcy Judge Nominees, the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council received applications from persons interested in appointment to the bankruptcy judge position in the Eastern District of Michigan (with duty station in Flint, Michigan).

A Merit Selection Panel considered all applications received and recommended the following five candidates to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council for consideration for appointment to the bankruptcy judge vacancy:

Joel D. Applebaum	Birmingham, Michigan
F. Kay Behm	Flint, Michigan
Lisa S. Gretchko	Royal Oak, Michigan
Paul R. Hage	Southfield, Michigan
Shelia R. Johnson	Southfield, Michigan

The Sixth Circuit Judicial Council must narrow the list to three recommended candidates for this position. Under the Act, the final selection of a person for appointment as bankruptcy judge will be made by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

**Any person may now submit written comments for consideration by the Judicial Council and the Court of Appeals regarding the qualifications of the above-five final nominees.** Such written comments must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive, 503 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, **no later than October 12, 2018.**

Please contact Clarence Maddox, Circuit Executive, (513) 564-7200 for further information.

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