

**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 and will consider applications from persons interested in appointment to the bankruptcy judge position in the Eastern District of Tennessee, vice R. Thomas Stinnett.

A Merit Selection Panel considered applicants and recommended the following six candidates to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for consideration for appointment to the bankruptcy judge vacancy:

M. Kent Anderson	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Michael H. Fitzpatrick	Knoxville, Tennessee
Richard T. Klingler	Chattanooga, Tennessee
James D. Lane, II	Tullahoma, Tennessee
Shelley D. Rucker	Chattanooga, Tennessee
Kimberly C. Swafford	Chattanooga, Tennessee

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-six 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, **not later than October 21, 2009.**

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

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