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## **Federal Nominating Commission Seeks Applicants for Judicial Vacancy in Eastern District of Wisconsin**

**Madison, November 11, 2013** -- Wisconsin's Federal Nominating Commission, charged with making recommendations for vacancies in federal judgeships and U.S. attorney positions, is accepting applications for a vacancy on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. The opening results from United States District Judge Charles Clevert's announcement October 31, 2012, that he will be taking senior status. U.S. Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin established the Commission on April 17, 2013.

The Commission seeks qualified candidates, including women and minority candidates, for appointment to the vacancy.

Application materials will be made available beginning Monday, November 11, 2013, and must be returned no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. The Commission's application and instructions (which are separate documents) are available, in downloadable form. They can be found at the Commission's website: [www.wisbar.org/fnc](http://www.wisbar.org/fnc).

Attorneys Michelle Behnke and Paul Swanson will continue to co-chair the Commission for the Eastern District judicial vacancy. Other commission members are William T. Curran, Richard Esenberg, Frederic Fleishauer and Barbara Zack Quindel.

State Bar of Wisconsin President Patrick J. Fiedler praised Wisconsin's Senators for continuing to move the selection process forward. "This most recent process, which resulted in outstanding recommendations for the Western District vacancy, is working well for Wisconsin," Fiedler said. "I want to commend our Wisconsin Senators and the members of the commission for their dedication to this important task."

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