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Federal Nominating Commission Seeks Applicants for Judicial Vacancy in Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Madison, WI – 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 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The opening resulted when U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Terrence T. Evans announced in 2010 that he was taking senior status. Judge Evans passed away in 2011. U.S. Sens. 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 **July 25, 2014**, and must be returned no later than noon on **Sept. 8, 2014**. 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.

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

State Bar of Wisconsin President Robert R. Gagan praised Wisconsin's Senators for continuing to move the selection process forward. "This will complete the roster of vacancies representing Wisconsin on the Federal bench," Gagan said. "The State Bar of Wisconsin is pleased that this process has moved quickly and resulted in well qualified jurists for Wisconsin." Gagan also thanked the members of the commission for their dedication to this important task and for their continued service on the commission.

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