

THINGS A VOLUNTARY BAR CAN DO **TO CREATE A DIVERSE JUDICIARY AND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS**

The Florida Bar's Strategic Plan Action Item 3:

Educate attorneys on the JNC process and increase outreach efforts to voluntary bars to assist in creating a diverse judiciary and Judicial Nominating Commissions that reflect the population of the State of Florida

1. When a judicial vacancy is open, The Florida Bar staff person to the Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee will e-mail to every voluntary bar in the State of Florida the notice of the judicial opening and deadlines.
2. Voluntary bar association leaders are asked to forward this e-mail to their membership within 24 hours to encourage applications.
3. For voluntary bar associations with websites, they are encouraged to consider adding a link on their respective websites to the JNC's website.
4. The Voluntary Bar Liaison Committee will promote in E-News and on the Voluntary Bar Center webpage examples of voluntary bar associations that implement programs such as:
 - mentor programs on pathways to the bench
 - Partnerships between local and national minority and specialty bar associations
 - CLE programs regarding demystifying the JNC process
 - Programs in which the speaker was the Chair of the local JNC