

**The Florida Bar and the Judicial Nominating Procedure  
Committee present**

# **Demystifying the Judicial Nominating Commission Process**

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**Course 7604**

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## **OVERVIEW**

A panel discussion geared at demystifying the judicial nominating process. Speakers from various JNCs, the Governor's Office and the Judiciary will provide an overview of the Judicial Nominating process from application to appointment by the Governor, including the mechanics of the Judicial Nominating process and tips to be a successful applicant.

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- I. Provide an overview of the JNC process from a commissioner's perspective. Discussion will include: the role of the Florida Judicial Nominating Commissions, a peak behind the curtain about the work of the commissions and understanding the judicial application process. Also, will discuss deadlines, applications, interviewing, reference contacts, & community support. Presentations by current and former JNC commissioners.
  - II. Discussion of the JNC process from a former applicant's perspective. Presentations by state court judges that have successfully, and unsuccessfully made it through the process.
  - III. Overview of the appointment process from the Governor's Office perspective. Discussion will include what the governor is looking for in a nominee, preparing for interviews with the governor, references, career paths, retention process and more. Presentation by Governor's Counsel office.

- IV. Discussion of available resources from voluntary bars and other organizations available to applicants. Discussion will include application reviews, mock interviews, past interviews studies, and more. Presentations by leaders from minority voluntary bars.
  - V. Question and answer session
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## **SPEAKERS**

**Miranda Soto** is a Shareholder and Chair of the Product Liability Practice Group at Buchanan and is Board Certified in Civil Trials by The Florida Bar. She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has tried more than 70 cases, bench and jury trials, to verdict. Miranda is the former Chair of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission in Miami-Dade County. Miranda has defended a wide range of matters, including commercial and business disputes, SEC matters, tobacco and smoking related injuries, professional and legal malpractice claims, product liability, complex fraud matters, public policy matters, cases of first impression, high-stakes personal injury cases, franchisee/franchisor litigation, and premises liability at the state and federal levels.

**The Honorable Judge Alan Fine (retired)** - Alan S. Fine founded Private Resolutions, Inc., an ADR firm for business specializing in arbitration, mediation and private judging in 2023. Judge Fine served as a circuit judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit from 2012 to 2023, serving in the Juvenile Dependency, Criminal, Civil, and Complex Business Litigation Divisions. Judge Fine received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and earned a J.D. from the University of Florida.

**Fred Karlinsky** is a Shareholder and Co-Chair of Greenberg Traurig's Global Insurance Regulatory and Transactions Practice Group. Fred has nearly 30 years of experience representing the interests of insurers, reinsurers, and a wide variety of other insurance-related entities. He is a recognized authority on national insurance regulatory and compliance issues, has taken a leadership position in many insurance trade organizations, and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, Florida Trend 500, and Florida Trend's "Legal Elite" for his work in insurance law. Recognized as the only Band 1 Florida insurance lawyer by Chambers & Partners and one of the most influential leaders in Florida politics by City & State Florida and INFLUENCE Magazine, Fred has in-depth knowledge of insurance compliance matters and has been a primary strategist in virtually all types of Florida insurance-related legislative initiatives. In addition to his role with Greenberg Traurig, Fred has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Florida State University College of Law since 2008. Since 2014 Fred has served on and currently chairs the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC), where five of the seven current sitting Justices of the Florida Supreme Court have been appointed during Fred's tenure on the JNC.

**The Honorable Judge Tarlika Nunez-Navarro** - Judge Nunez-Navarro was appointed to the 9th Circuit by Governor Ron DeSantis in 2021. She previously served on the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court since her appointment in 2018. Between 2011 and 2014, she served as an assistant state attorney for the Seventeenth Circuit. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and her law degree from St. Thomas University. Member of The Florida Bar Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

**Ray Treadwell, Chief Deputy General Counsel Governor's Office**- formerly an Orlando- based Shutts & Bowen senior attorney, currently Chief Deputy General Counsel for Governor Ron DeSantis. He has litigated a wide range of complex commercial cases, including contract and insurance disputes, statutory and constitutional challenges, and employment disputes. Before Shutts, Treadwell was with Holland & Knight in Jacksonville, where Gov. Ron DeSantis once also worked. He also clerked for U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard in Jacksonville. He graduated from the University of Florida in 2004 with honors and from Yale Law School in 2011 where he was a Senior Editor of the Yale Journal on Regulation.

**TBD Speakers from the Florida Association for Women Lawyers**  
**TBD Speaker from minority Voluntary Bar.**

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