

Members of the Bar:

The following judges in the First Judicial Circuit are being considered for retention on senior status. Retired judges assigned to temporary duty are periodically reviewed by the Senior Judge Review Board and a report is submitted to the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court for approval. In the First Circuit, the Senior Judge Review Board consists of Chief Judge John Miller and me as the Bar Representative. The Committee will convene as early as May 23, 2022. Therefore, if you have any comments regarding the senior judges being reviewed, I ask that your response be submitted prior to that date.

I solicit your response by e-mail to me at cph@esclaw.com or Judge Miller at judge.miller@flcourts1.gov as to whether or not the following judges should be retained:

Judge Dede S. Costello
Judge Jack R. Heflin
Judge Thomas E. Johnson
Judge W. Howard LaPorte
Judge Paul A. Rasmussen
Judge David Rimmer

The committee is asked to evaluate a retired judge's television eligibility for senior judge service upon the following factors:

- Scholarship
 - knowledge/understanding of substantive, procedural, an evidentiary law
 - attentiveness to factual and legal issues before the court
 - proper application of judicial precedent/other appropriate sources of authority.

- Communications
 - clarity of bench rulings and other oral communications
 - quality of written opinions with specific focus on clarity and logic
 - ability to explain facts of case and legal precedent at issue
 - sensitivity to impact of demeanor
 - other nonverbal communications

- case management productivity
 - effective management of court docket
 - prompt disposition of cases, including devoting appropriate time to all pending matters
 - discharging administrative responsibilities diligently

- temperament
 - ability to deal patiently with and be courteous to all parties and participants
 - willingness to permit every person legally interested in proceedings to be heard unless precluded by law or rules of court

- work ethic
 - punctuality
 - preparation
 - attentiveness
 - meeting commitments on time and according to Rules of Court

- good health

- integrity

You may also communicate directly to the Senior Judge Review Board and submit letters of recommendation or letters expressing your recommendation that a judge not be retained to:

Chief Judge Lori Rowe
First District Court of Appeal
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Tallahassee, Florida
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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

May 5, 2022
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