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The election for the two elected members of “The Thirty-first Circuit Judicial Commission” will be held January 21, 2009. This commission was established in the November 4, 2008 General Election by a majority of Greene County voters and is also known as the Missouri Non-partisan Court Plan.

To become a candidate for one of these positions, a proposed nominee must be a member of The Missouri Bar in good standing, who resides in Greene County. He/she must also submit a petition signed by 10 other members of the Missouri Bar in good standing, who also resides in Greene County. Petitions may be picked up from Steve Helms, Greene County Circuit Clerk, in the Judicial Complex, located on the second floor at 1010 Boonville, Springfield, MO.

The terms for the first commission are staggered, one elected member will expire, December 31st, 2011 and the other will expire December 31, 2013. The following terms for this commission are six years.

The Greene County Circuit Clerk must receive all petitions no later than December 22, 2008. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters 20 days before the election (January 21, 2009) and must be returned to Steve Helms, Greene County Circuit Clerk by 10:00 AM on the 21st of January, 2009.

A candidate must receive a majority of the valid votes cast to be deemed elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held.

For more information go to [www.greenecountycourts.org](http://www.greenecountycourts.org) or contact Steve Helms at 417 868-4074.