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Nominations sought for 31st Judicial Commission

Greene County's 31st Judicial Circuit is accepting nominations of attorneys to serve on the 31st Judicial Commission.

The 31st Judicial Commission was created by the Non-Partisan Court Plan, approved by Greene County voters in November, 2008. When a vacant judge seat occurs in the 31st Judicial Circuit, the Commission is responsible for submitting three judicial candidates to the Missouri Governor, who appoints a judge from among the candidates.

The Commission includes five members: the Chief Justice of the Southern District Court of Appeals, two citizen members appointed by the Governor, and two attorneys elected by their peers. Citizen members and elected attorneys each serve one six-year term.

The 31st Judicial Circuit will conduct an election Saturday, Nov. 5, to replace attorney Brent D. Green, whose term expires Dec. 31. All attorneys who live in Greene County and who are in good standing with the Missouri Bar may vote in the election.

Any attorney who meets the requirements of Missouri Supreme Court Rule 10.11 may be nominated and placed on the ballot. Nominating petitions must include signatures of ten Greene County residents who are members of the Missouri Bar, and must be submitted by Oct. 6 to Steve Helms, Greene County Circuit Clerk. Nominating petitions are available at www.greenecountycourts.org, under the Non-Partisan Court Plan tab.

For more information on the Non-partisan Court Plan, visit www.greenecountycourts.org, or call Steve Helms, Greene County Circuit Clerk, at 417-868-4074, or email steve.helms@courts.mo.gov.

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