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31st Judicial Commission election now open

Greene County attorneys began voting this week on candidates for the 31st Circuit 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 them.

The Commission includes five members: the Chief Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District; 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.

All attorneys who live in Greene County and who are in good standing with the Missouri Bar may vote in the 31st Judicial Commission election. Nov. 5 is the actual Election Day, but eligible voters may submit electronic ballots Oct. 12 through Nov. 4.

There are six candidates on the ballot. The winner will serve a six-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2012. All eligible voters should receive notification by e-mail or regular postal mail no later than Nov. 17.

If you have questions on the 31st Circuit Judicial Commission election or the Non-partisan Court Plan, visit www.greenecountycourts.org or contact Steve Helms, Greene County Circuit Clerk at 417-868-4074.

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