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Commission selects panel for 2nd judicial opening on the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court

The Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Judicial Nominating Commission of the 16th Judicial Circuit selected a panel of three nominees today for the judicial opening in Division 204 of the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court.

The Commission selected the following panel:

Sara Christensen, Lathrop GPM
Beth Murano, City of Lee's Summit, Missouri
Joseph Nastasi, Nastasi Law Office

The Nominating Commission interviewed 11 applicants for two judicial positions on November 21, 2022 in a meeting that was open to the public. At that time, the Commission submitted a panel of three nominees to the Kansas City, Missouri City Council for the vacancy in Division 205. The City Council voted on January 12, 2023 to appoint Shayla Marshall as judge of Division 205.

Today's panel of nominees is for the 2nd judicial opening in Division 204 of the Kansas City Municipal Court. The Commission will submit the panel to the City Council which will interview the nominees and appoint a new judge.

Judicial openings on the Kansas City Municipal Court are filled in accordance with the State of Missouri's Nonpartisan Court Plan. The City Council has 60 days to appoint one of the nominees. After serving one year in office, the judge will come before the voters in a retention election.

The Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Judicial Nominating Commission is chaired by the Presiding Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, and comprised of attorneys Tracy Spradlin and Christopher Korth, and lay members Phyllis Hardwick and Dale Dan-Irabor.

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