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**NOTICE CONCERNING AN UPCOMING VACANCY
IN THE OFFICE OF
CIRCUIT JUDGE
27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DIVISION 1**

Upon the November 2026 State Board of Elections' certification and oath administration to Honorable Gregory A. Lay as Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, a vacancy will be created in the office of Judge, 27th Judicial Circuit Division 1, consisting of Knox and Laurel counties. To be eligible to serve as a Circuit Judge you must:

- (a) be a citizen of the United States,
- (b) have been a resident of both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and of the circuit in which you seek appointment for two years next preceding taking office, and
- (c) be licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth as well as a licensed attorney for at least eight years.

Any person meeting these qualifications and desiring consideration for nomination to the Governor, or any citizen desiring to recommend a person or persons with these qualifications, ***MUST notify the Judicial Nominating Commission by communicating the name(s) to the executive secretary on or before October 12, 2026, (see SCR 6.030).** A questionnaire will be forwarded to those individuals. A sample questionnaire may be seen at <https://kycourts.gov/Courts/Pages/Judicial-Vacancies.aspx>.

Anyone interested in being considered for the vacancy must send the completed original questionnaire along with nine (stapled) copies to be RECEIVED BEFORE OCTOBER 26, 2026, to the address below:

Judicial Nominating Commission
Attn: Kathy R. Stevens
Office of Chief Justice
669 Chamberlin Avenue, Suite D103
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****You must contact Kathy R. Stevens, Executive Secretary, Judicial Nominating Commission, (502)564-4162, or email: kathystevens@kycourts.net, to recommend a qualified individual, or give notice of your interest and request a Word version questionnaire.***