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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the Bar  
**FROM:** Teri Corsones, Esq., State Court Administrator  
**RE:** **Nomination of Attorneys for Pending Vacancies on the Judicial Nominating Board**  
**DATE:** October 11, 2022

Nominations are open for three pending vacancies on the Judicial Nominating Board. The vacancies include one for a Northern Seat, one for a Southern Seat, and one for an At-Large Seat. The term of office for each seat is two years, commencing on February 1, 2023. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are set out at [4 V.S.A. § 601](#) and [4 V.S.A. § 602](#).

The processes for nominating and electing attorneys to the Judicial Nominating Board are set out in Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 1. Nominations for each seat are made by the methods designated in [A.O. 1 § 7](#):

- (a) by vote of the Vermont Bar Association at its annual meeting in even numbered calendar years;
- (b) by petition signed by no less than thirty-six members of the bar residing in the state;
- (c) in the event that no nominations are received under subsections (a) or (b) of this section, the board of managers of the Vermont Bar Association is authorized to nominate attorneys for election to the judicial nominating board, subject to provisions of §§ 2, 3 and 4 of this order.

The Vermont Bar Association at its annual meeting held on September 30, 2022, nominated candidates for each of the three open seats. The candidates, along with the county where their office is located and the seats for which each was nominated, are as follows:

Southern Seat - Addison, Bennington, Orange, Rutland, Windham and Windsor Counties:

**Sarah Vangel, Esq., Windham County**

Northern Seat - Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orleans and Washington Counties:

**Jessica Burke, Esq., Chittenden County**  
**Alfonso Villegas, Esq., Washington County**

At-Large Seat:

**Eleanor Spottswood, Esq., Washington County**

Nominations by petition may be made as provided in [A.O. 1 § 9](#). Note that any nomination by petition must be received on or before November 1, 2022. Please direct the nomination to the attention of Monica Bombard, Vermont Supreme Court, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05609-0801, or by email at [monica.bombard@vermont.gov](mailto:monica.bombard@vermont.gov)

You will receive an email with ballot instructions and the election will be held during the month of January 2023. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you.