

**RHODE ISLAND JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC COMMENT AND INTERVIEW NOTICE**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill, Conference Rooms A/B/C, 2nd Floor  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

**PURPOSES:**

An open meeting to:

- (1) Approve the Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Commission held on July 16, 2025.
- (2) Receive public comment about the applicants under consideration to fill the following vacancy:
  - Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court created by the retirement of Associate Justice Debra E. DiSegna<sup>1</sup>.

To provide public comment for the above-referenced Family Court vacancy, please e-mail Laura Jeanne Verdecchia at [laura.verdecchia@troutman.com](mailto:laura.verdecchia@troutman.com) **no later than August 26, 2025**, with your name, title (if any), e-mail address, telephone number and the candidate you wish to comment on and you will be provided further instructions to submit public comment during the meeting. The applicants under consideration for the Family Court vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Debra E. DiSegna are:

Joanna M. Achille  
Magistrate Daniel Ballirano  
Magistrate Alberto Aponte Cardona Sr.  
Magistrate Denise Cassisi Finkelman  
Magistrate Andrea Iannazzi  
Erica S. Janton  
LaTri-c-ea McClendon-Hunt  
Susan T. Perkins  
Therese M. Picard

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<sup>1</sup> Public comment for the Family Court vacancy created by the resignation of Associate Justice Patricia K. Asquith was heard at the JNC's July 8, 2025 public meeting.

(3) Interview the following candidates being considered for the below-referenced Family Court vacancies:

**FAMILY COURT VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PATRICIA K. ASQUITH:**

Crystal Abreu  
Magistrate Alberto Aponte Cardona Sr.  
Magistrate Denise Cassisi Finkelman  
Lori Giarrusso  
Magistrate Andrea Iannazzi  
Erica S. Janton  
LaTri-c-ea McClendon-Hunt  
Susan T. Perkins  
Therese M. Picard

**FAMILY COURT VACANCY CREATED BY THE RETIREMENT OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DEBRA E. DISEGNA:**

Joanna M. Achille  
Magistrate Daniel Ballirano  
Magistrate Alberto Aponte Cardona Sr.  
Magistrate Denise Cassisi Finkelman  
Magistrate Andrea Iannazzi  
Erica S. Janton  
LaTri-c-ea McClendon-Hunt  
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(4) Vote to select the aforementioned candidates for the each of the above-referenced Family Court vacancies whose names will be sent to the Governor for his consideration.

Commission Members may elect to go into Executive Session to consider and act upon such matters as may be considered at a meeting closed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1) for discussions of the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons who have been notified in writing and advised that they may require

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-46-6 (c) and (f), this notice will be posted on August 5, 2025, at the Office of the Department of Administration, the State House Library and electronically with the Secretary of State as well as on the Judicial Nominating Commission website. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting who may have special needs for access or services such as an interpreter, please contact Laura Jeanne Verdecchia at (401) 455-7611 twenty-four hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

KRYSTLE G. TADESSE  
CHAIRPERSON