

SIXTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Amendments and Federal Judgeship Act of 1984, P.L. 98-353, the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the Selection of United States Bankruptcy Judge Nominees and the Procedures of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council for the Selection of Bankruptcy Judge Nominees, the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council has received and considered applications from persons interested in appointment to the Bankruptcy Judge position in the Eastern District of Michigan at Flint or Bay City, which vacancy was created by the passage of P.L. 109-8.

The Merit Selection Panel has recommended the following five persons to the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit for consideration for appointment to the Bankruptcy Judge vacancy:

Scott W. Dales, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Michael J. Hluchaniuk, Bay City, Michigan
Daniel S. Opperman, Saginaw, Michigan
Paul J. Randel, Farmington, Michigan
Ronald L. Rose, Detroit, Michigan

Under the Act the final selection of a person for appointment as Bankruptcy Judge will be made by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Any person may submit written comments for consideration by the Judicial Council, who must narrow the list to three recommended nominees for each position, and the Court of Appeals regarding the qualifications of the above five final nominees. Such written comments must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive, 503 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, **no later than January 27, 2006**

For further information contact James A. Higgins, Circuit Executive, or Kay Lockett, Assistant Circuit Executive, at (513) 564-7200.

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