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Finalists picked for District Court seat

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The Anne Arundel County public defender, the county zoning hearing officer, three prosecutors and an assistant county attorney are among the 10 lawyers selected as finalists to fill a newly created judgeship on Anne Arundel County District Court.

Four candidates were selected by the Judicial Nominating Commission in a secret vote this week, taken after each candidate was interviewed. They are Robert D. Fordham and Megan B. Johnson, both assistant state's attorneys; assistant county attorney Michele D. Jaklitsch, and Robert C. Wilcox, the county administrative hearing officer.

The commission also will submit to Gov. Parris N. Glendening the names of six lawyers nominated for previous court vacancies. They are Juvenile Court Master Philip T. Caroom; Anne Arundel County public defender Alan R. Friedman; Assistant State's Attorney Frederick M. Paone, and three private lawyers, Paul Hackner of Annapolis, Jonathan Hodgson of Annapolis and Charles Jay Muskin of Glen Burnie.

A spokeswoman for the Administrative Office of the Courts said the commission will come up with a new list of candidates next month to fill the vacancy created by the appointment Tuesday of Judge Martha P. Rasin to serve as chief judge of the Maryland District Court.

Police log

Lothian: Someone broke into a shed at a home in the 200 block of Rips Drive between midnight Saturday and 3: 30 p.m. Sunday and stole two weed cutters and an extension cord, together valued at \$150, county police said.

Mayo: Someone stole a \$250 riding lawn mower from the driveway of a home in the 600 block of Hillmead Road in Mayo between 1: 30 p.m. and 5: 30 p.m. Wednesday.

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