

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN JUDICIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 3A

Following an organizational meeting held on January 19, 2021, the Judicial Election District 3A Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the vacancy that will result from the retirement of District Court Judge David A. Lester on March 2, 2021. Judicial Election District 3A consists of Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola and Palo Alto Counties.

Anyone wishing to apply for this position must complete the Judicial Application Forms available from the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission website:

<https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions/judicial-district-3>

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be members of the State bar of Iowa, a resident of Judicial Election District 3A at the time they apply, and of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office before reaching the age of seventy-two years. One regular term of office is a period of six (6) years.

The position of district court judge primarily involves presiding over trials in civil, criminal, and family law cases within the counties of Judicial Election District 3A, but may also require presiding over cases in other counties of the Third Judicial District, as well as occasional assignments outside of the district. The current salary for the position is \$150,444, with benefits also available.

Each applicant must submit their application and required supporting documents according to the "Instructions for Applicants" provided with this Notice. **The deadline for filing applications and required supporting documents is February 5, 2021, at 4:00 P.M. District Court Administrator Peggy Frericks must receive the completed application and supporting documents by that deadline for the applicant to be eligible for a later interview.** The names,

addresses, and email addresses for each member of the Judicial Election District 3A Nominating Commission are attached to this Notice.

The names of all applicants will be available to the public after the deadline for filing applications. **Each eligible applicant will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Nominating Commission for a personal interview at the Clay County Courthouse, District Courtroom, in Spencer, Iowa, on February 24, 2021. In the event of inclement weather, the interviews will be held at the same location on February 26, 2021.**

The Chairperson will notify each eligible applicant of their interview time. Each applicant may also request an individual interview with each Nominating Commissioner prior to the scheduled interview date with each Commissioner having the discretion whether or not to grant the request.

Dated this 19th day of January 2021.

David A. Lester

Judge David A. Lester, Chairperson
District 3A Judicial Nominating Commission
(Electronically signed due to Covid-19
restrictions)

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