

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **3A DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

**Purpose:** The 3A District Court Judicial Nominating Commission has received five (5) applications for the upcoming vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David A. Lester on March 2, 2021. The Commission will conduct a meeting on February 24, 2021, to interview each applicant following which deliberations and voting will occur to determine the two (2) applicants whose names will be submitted to Governor Kim Reynolds for her consideration. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will occur on February 26, 2021, with all of the interviews scheduled for the same times.

**Interview Schedule with Links to Application and Writing Samples:** Following a random selection process, the interview schedule will be as follows:

8:30 a.m. – [Matthew T. E. Early](#) - Spirit Lake, IA

9:15 a.m. – [Melanie S. Summers Bauler](#) - Wallingford, IA

10:00 a.m. – [Lisa K. Mazurek](#) – Cherokee, IA

10:45 a.m. – Break

11:00 a.m. – [Todd M. Holmes](#) – Algona, IA

11:45 p.m. – [John M. Sandy](#) – Spirit Lake, IA

12:30 p.m. – Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. – Deliberations and Voting

**Location:** All interviews will be conducted in the District Courtroom of the Clay County Courthouse, 215 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Spencer, Iowa, and are open to the public. Commission deliberations and voting are confidential, and therefore all members of the public are required to leave the courtroom at the time scheduled for deliberations and voting.

**Public Commentary:** All non-confidential application materials and supporting documents for each applicant will be posted on the Iowa JNC website prior to the interviews. The public may submit written comments to each of the Commissioners electronically or by written correspondence prior to the date of the scheduled interviews using the contact information provided in the Notice of Vacancy posted on the Iowa JNC website.

**Covid – 19 Requirements:** Each applicant and each member of the public attending the interviews will be required to comply with the provisions of the “Amended Nov. 24, 2020, Order” of the Iowa Supreme Court filed on November 30, 2020, In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions for Coronavirus/Covid-19 Impact on Court Services, including, but not limited to, seating in marked areas within the courtroom to ensure social distancing, limited admission to the courtroom to ensure social distancing, and the wearing of a face mask or face shield in all court-controlled areas. Further details are available by viewing a copy of this Order on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

Each applicant and each member of the public is encouraged to bring their own face mask or face shield with them to the courthouse. If an applicant or a member of the public arrives at the courthouse without a face mask or face shield, a face mask or face shield will be provided to them.

**Procedure:** Each applicant interview will be no more than 45 minutes in length. All applicants will be allowed 10 minutes for an opening statement, followed by questioning by the Commissioners.

Each applicant will be contacted and advised of the names of the two (2) applicants selected by the Commission to be submitted to Governor Kim Reynolds.