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SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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TO: Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission Applicants for District Associate Judge Vacancy

FROM: Judge Ian K. Thornhill, Chairman
Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission

RE: Nominating Commission Meeting and Order of Interviews
Thursday, November 12, 2026

DATE: November 2, 2026

The Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on November 12, 2026, in the Linn County Courthouse commencing at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting interviews with all of the applicants for the District Associate Judge vacancy created by the retirement of District Associate Judge Russell Keast. The interviews will commence at 9:00 a.m. Upon completion of the interviews on that day, the Commission will, in all probability, commence to vote by ballot until two nominees for the position are selected. The names of the two finalists will be submitted to Governor Kim Reynolds for her consideration and selection of one of the two finalists.

The order of interviews was determined by a random drawing by Court Administration personnel. The resulting interview order is as follows:

1.	9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. –	Victoria Cole	Application and Writing Samples
2.	9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. –	Daniel Williamson	Application and Writing Samples
3.	10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. –	Heidi Weiland	Application and Writing Samples
	10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. –	Break	
4.	10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. –	Patrick McMullen	Application and Writing Samples
5.	11:15 a.m. 11:45 a.m. –	Susan Nehring	Application and Writing Samples
	11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. –	Lunch	
6.	1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. –	Jeff Beatty	Application and Writing Samples
7.	1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. –	Christopher Foster	Application and Writing Samples

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