

**Notice of Pending Elections
for District Judicial Nominating Commissioners**

The following individuals are currently serving as District Judicial Nominating Commissioners, and their terms will be expiring on January 31, 2026. In January, the eligible resident members of the bar of each judicial election district are to elect two eligible electors to the District Judicial Nominating Commission. See Iowa Code § 46.4.

District 1A	Stephanie Fueger, Dubuque
District 1A	Samuel Wooden, Dubuque
District 1B	Teri Schmitz, Cedar Falls
District 1B	Eashaan Vajpeyi, Waterloo
District 2A	Crystal Ely, Mason City
District 2A	Andrew Johnston, Mason City
District 2B	Jane Chang, Ames
District 2B	Aaron Ahrendsen, Manning
District 3A	John Loughlin, Cherokee
District 3A	Pamela Wingert, Spirit Lake
District 3B	Frank Tenuta, Sioux City
District 3B	Rosalynd Koob, Sioux City
District 4	Amanda Heims, Council Bluffs
District 4	Andrew Munger, Council Bluffs
District 5A	Kimberley Baer, Van Meter
District 5A	Gary Mattson, Indianola
District 5B	Paul Goldsmith, Chariton
District 5B	Tonita Helton, Leon
District 5C	John Fatino, Des Moines
District 5C	Tammy Westhoff Gentry, Des Moines
District 6	Mary Hoefler, Iowa City
District 6	Michael Lahammer, Cedar Rapids
District 7	William Bush, Davenport
District 7	Mikkie Schiltz, Davenport
District 8A	Bryan Goldsmith, Ottumwa
District 8A	Diane Crookham-Johnson, Oskaloosa
District 8B	Sara Haas, Burlington
District 8B	Edward Prill, Burlington

This is to notify the public that elections will be held in January 2026 to fill these positions on the District Judicial Nominating Commissions across the state of Iowa.

Individuals who wish to serve on a District Judicial Nominating Commission are not required to be attorneys but must meet certain legal requirements. In addition, to have their name placed on the election ballot, individuals must file their completed nominating petition with State Court Administration no later than December 29, 2025. The nominating petition must have the signatures of at least ten eligible electors of the candidate's judicial district.

Click [HERE](#) if you wish to obtain a nominating petition, and then follow the instructions included with the petition regarding how to complete the petition and submit it.

The State Court Administrator will conduct the elections, and eligible attorneys shall have the ability to vote. See Iowa Code Chapter 46 for specific information about voting eligibility.

Voting by eligible attorneys will begin January 5, 2026.

Election winners shall be notified, and the election results shall be reported to the Governor and the General Assembly and published on the judicial branch website.

The above is a summary of the nomination and election process. If you wish to learn more, or if you are interested in becoming a member of a District Judicial Nominating Commission, you should carefully read Article V, sections 15 and 16 of the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code Chapter 46 so you fully understand all the details of the nomination and election process, and the requirements for running for, or voting for, the position of commissioner. You may also find additional information on the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commissions website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/>.

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