

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY
District Associate Judge

The Bar and public are hereby notified that Governor Kim Reynolds hereby serves notice of a new district associate judge position created in Judicial Sub-District 2A.

The Judicial Sub-District Nominating Commission for 2A met on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 to outline procedures and timelines to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted from Friday, September 30, 2022 until Friday, October 21, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Any interested and eligible attorney (as defined by Sections 1 and 7 of 2022 Iowa Acts chapter 1033) is encouraged to apply. The public and Bar are encouraged to submit their opinions of any applicant.

The district associate judge will cover associate level criminal matters, juvenile cases, magistrate appeals and other case work as assigned by the Chief Judge. Counties of coverage are anticipated to be Floyd, Mitchell and Worth. On call coverage is also part of the workload.

Applicants may download from the Commission website a copy of the instructions for applicants, application form, background information form, and the Uniform Rules of Procedure of the District Court Nominating Commission. The Commission website is found at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions/judicial-district-2>

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Applicants should familiarize themselves with the Rules of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

All application materials, supporting writing samples, and letters of recommendation must be submitted via email as directed in the Instructions for Applicants, with a signed hard copy delivered to the District Court Administrator. The submitted application materials will be posted on the Judicial Nomination Commission website. Materials deemed confidential will not be posted.

Interviews will be conducted on Friday, November 4, 2022 on the second floor of the Cerro Gordo County Courthouse in Mason City. Applicants will be notified of interview details. The Commission will allow each applicant twenty minutes to interview.

If an applicant or any member of the public desires additional information or assistance, please contact Scott Hand, District Court Administrator for the Second Judicial District at 641-494-3611 or via email at scott.hand@iowacourts.gov.