

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

The Bar and public are hereby notified that Governor Kim Reynolds hereby serves notice of a judicial vacancy in Judicial District 2A. The Honorable James. M Drew will be retiring and this judgeship will now be filled. This district court position will primarily cover the counties in 2A and Wright County.

The Judicial 2A District Nominating Commission met on Friday, November 4, 2022 to outline procedures and timelines to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, November 8, 2022 until Monday, December 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM. Any interested and eligible attorney of District 2A, or contiguous county of 2A, is encouraged to apply. The public and Bar are encouraged to submit their opinions of any applicant.

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>

The Commission members are:

District Court Judge James M. Drew, Chairperson
james.drew@iowacourts.gov
Hampton, IA

Diane Gasteiger
dmgastei@gmail.com
St. Ansgar, IA

Doyle Wegner
wegnerinsurance@gmail.com
Sumner, IA

Diane C. Thompson
tndfarms@wctatel.net
Forest City, IA 52436

Merlin Bartz
mbartz@wctatel.net
Grafton, IA

Emily Schmitt
emily.sukup@gmail.com
Clear Lake, IA 50428

Danielle M Ellingson
dmdebower@gmail.com
Charles City, IA 50402-0270

Amy K. Swanson
lawlerandswanson@Iabar.org
Parkersburg, IA 50665

Brian D. Miller
brian@millerandmillerpc.com
Hampton, IA 50441

Crystal L. Ely
cely@dhs.state.ia.us
Mason City, IA 50401

Andrew Johnston
ajohnston@lairdlawfirm.com
Mason City, IA 50401

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 to each commission member listed above, 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, December 16, 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.