

IOWA DISTRICT COURT

Hon. James S. Heckerman
District Court Judge
Chairperson Judicial Nominating Commission
Pottawattamie County Courthouse
227 South Sixth Street, Rm 413
Council Bluffs, 51501

Kent V. Wirth
District Court Administrator
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NOTICE TO ALL ATTORNEYS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Hon. Mark J. Eveloff, District Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District.

The Commission has adopted an applicant questionnaire to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a district judge. Copies of the applicant questionnaire can be obtained by contacting Angela Collinson at angela.collinson@iowacourts.gov. Completed applications shall be returned by email to Angela Collinson prior to the deadline specified below.

Each applicant must submit a hard copy of the applicant questionnaire Parts 1 and 2A and 2B and copies of your writing samples to Judge Heckerman, Room 416, Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 South 6th Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501 by **February 8, 2019 at 12:00 o'clock pm**. To be eligible for consideration, these documents must be received by mail or personal delivery to Judge Heckerman prior to the deadline. Copies of the applicant questionnaire Part 1 and copies of your writing samples must also be mailed or personally delivered to all members of the Judicial Nominating Commission. The names of the applicants will be made available to the public after the deadline for filing applicant questionnaires.

Applicants have the option of contacting individual members of the commission to request a personal interview. Commission members reserve the right to grant or deny such a request.

Each applicant will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Commission for a personal interview. Interviews will be held at the Pottawattamie County Courthouse in Council Bluffs, Iowa on **February 22, 2019**. A complete schedule of the interviews will be posted prior to February 22, 2019. At the beginning of each interview the applicant will have an opportunity to make an oral statement as to his or her legal experience and accomplishments.

Eligible applicants shall be members of the Bar of Iowa, shall be residents of the state or district of the court to which they are nominated, and shall be of such age that they will be able to serve an initial and one regular term of office to which they are nominated before reaching the age of seventy-two. The regular term of a District Court Judge is 6 years.

A District Court Judge is a general jurisdiction trial judge presiding over civil law, equity, criminal and family law proceedings throughout the Fourth District. The Fourth Judicial District consists of the following counties, Audubon, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie and Shelby. A District Court Judge earns an annual salary of \$147,494.00, is eligible for a pension through the Iowa Judicial Retirement Fund, and receives benefits as an employee of the state of Iowa.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Kim Reynolds. Governor Reynolds will then have thirty days to appoint one of the nominees to serve as a district court judge. It is anticipated, the appointee will assume the responsibilities of the district judge in April, 2019

The members of the Judicial Nominating Commission are:

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January 2, 2019

Hon. James S. Heckerman
Pottawattamie County Courthouse
227 S 6th St.
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Dear Honorable James S. Heckerman,

Under Iowa Code section 46.12A, as the State Commissioner of Elections, it is the Secretary of State's duty to notify you as the Chairperson of the Judicial Nomination Commission for District 4 that a vacancy has occurred.

Following the decision of the Honorable Mark J. Eveloff to not stand for retention, The Honorable Chief Justice Mark S. Cady had invoked the provisions of Iowa Code section 602.2301(1), which delayed the process for filling this vacancy until further ordered. The invoked delay has now been rescinded.

Please let this letter serve as notice to you that effective December 31, 2018, the Honorable Mark J. Eveloff completed his final term, and his seat is now vacant.

Please confirm receipt of this letter by completing the **Acknowledgment of Notice of Judicial Vacancy** that has been enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Wesley Hicok
Elections Assistant

Enclosure

cc Todd Nuccio, State Court Administrator