

NOTICE AND PRESS RELEASE

Judge Mary Ann Brown submitted her letter of retirement effective, December 31, 2021. Judge Brown is serving as a Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, Sub-District 8B, which includes Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa Counties. She was appointed to the bench in 2001.

The District 8B Judicial Nominating Commission, comprised of five lawyers and five non-lawyer citizens and the senior Judge in the District, who acts as Chairman, received notice from the Governor of the vacancy on September 24, 2021 and will be interviewing candidates to replace Judge Brown.

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The Judicial Nominating Commission has established procedures for filling the position of District Court Judge in Judicial District 8B and the Supreme Court of Iowa has adopted an application to be completed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be a District Court Judge. Copies of the application can be obtained from the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501, by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov, by calling 1-641-684-6502, ext. 610, or by going to the Commission website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions>.

All applications must be received by the Court Administrator's Office no later than 4:30 PM, October 29, 2021. *No late applications will be accepted.* The names of the applicants will be made available to the public AFTER the deadline for filing applications.

Applicants must be members of the Bar of Iowa, a resident of the sub-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 before reaching the age of seventy-two (72) years.

Applicants are directed to email their completed applications to each commissioner at the email address listed in this press release and send a copy to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov.

All applications will be considered; however, if there are more applicants than can be effectively interviewed, the commission may elect to screen the applicants and interview fewer than all. The selected applicants will be given an opportunity to appear before the entire Judicial Nominating Commission for a personal interview. The applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Applicant interviews shall also be open. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact. It is expected interviews will be conducted on November 8, 2021.

Prior to the interviews, the public will be permitted to submit comments or recommendations regarding the qualifications of an applicant to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to Governor Reynolds who will then have 30 days to appoint one to fill the vacancy.

Judge Mary Ann Brown
Chair, 8B Nominating Commission