

IOWA DISTRICT COURT  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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TO: Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission Applicants for District  
Judge Vacancy

FROM: Judge Mitchell E. Turner, Chairman  
Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission

RE: Nominating Commission Meeting and Order of Interviews  
Thursday, August 26, 2021

DATE: August 23, 2021

The Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021, in the jury orientation room on the first floor of the Linn County Courthouse commencing at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of conducting interviews with all of the applicants for the District Judge vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Mitchell E. Turner. The interviews will commence at 9:00 a.m. Upon completion of the interviews on that day, the Commission will, in all probability, commence to vote by ballot until two nominees for the position are selected. The names of the two (2) finalists will be submitted to Governor Kim Reynolds for her consideration and selection of one of the two finalists.

The order of interviews was determined by a random drawing by Court Administration personnel. The resulting interview order is as follows:

1. 9:00 a.m. to 9:25 – Chad Brakhahn [application and writing samples](#)
2. 9:25 a.m. to 9:50 – Valerie Clay [application and writing samples](#)
3. 9:50 a.m. 10:15 – Ellen Ramsey-Kacena [application and writing samples](#)
4. 10:15 a.m. to 10:40 – Michael Harris [application and writing samples](#)  
10:40 a.m. to 11:00 - Break
5. 11:00 a.m. to 11:25 – John Bruzek [application and writing samples](#)
6. 11:25 a.m. to 11:50 – Mark Fisher [application and writing samples](#)

7. 11:50 a.m. to 12:15 – David Cox [application and writing samples](#)  
12:15 p.m. to 1:15 – Lunch
8. 1:15 p.m. to 1:40 – Brandon Schrock [application and writing samples](#)
9. 1:40 p.m. to 2:05 – Brent Heeren [application and writing samples](#)

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