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November 12, 2026

The Honorable Susan Christensen
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa
Iowa Judicial Branch Building
1111 East Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: Nominees for District Associate Court Vacancy

Dear Chief Justice Christensen:

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 46.14, I hereby certify that the following individuals are nominees for the Iowa District Associate Judge vacancy created in the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Iowa due to the retirement of District Associate Judge Russell Keast. They were selected at a meeting of the Sixth District Judicial Nomination Commission held on November 12, 2026, and have also been certified this date to the Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa.

Jeffrey Beatty **Susan Nehring**

Yours truly,

Honorable Ian K. Thornhill, Chairperson
Sixth District Judicial Nomination Commission

cc: Lars Anderson, Chief Judge
Bob Gast, State Court Administrator