

## NOTICE OF JUDICIAL OPENING

A vacancy exists in Iowa Judicial Election District 1B for a district associate judge due to the recent death of Judge Jeffrey Harris. This position is the product of a magistrate substitution utilizing two magistrates from Black Hawk County and one magistrate from Grundy County. As a result, **the successful candidate will be required to be a resident of either Black Hawk or Grundy County.**

Anyone seeking to be nominated for this position must file a certified application in the form approved by the Iowa Supreme Court. **A copy of such application shall be sent to Judge Bradley J. Harris, Chairperson of the Black Hawk County and Grundy County Magistrate Appointing Commissions, and to each member of the Black Hawk County and Grundy Magistrate Appointing Commissions** by 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 2021.

**The original application materials shall be sent to Linda Nilges, District Court Administrator, Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 East Fifth Street, Waterloo, IA 50703.**

The interviews of applicants will be conducted by the commissions on August 17, 2021, at the following location: Hudson Community Center, 525 Jefferson Street, Hudson, Iowa. The commissions shall, by majority vote, certify to the chief judge of the First Judicial District the names of three applicants. Within fifteen days after the chief judge of the First Judicial District has received the list of nominees to fill the vacancy, the district judges in Judicial Election District 1B shall, by majority vote, appoint one of those nominees to fill the vacancy.

To obtain an electronic version of the application forms, e-mail Linda Nilges District Court Administrator at [linda.nilges@iowacourts.gov](mailto:linda.nilges@iowacourts.gov). Applications filed after the deadline will not be considered. The commissions discourage interviews with individual members. Letters of recommendation should, to the extent possible, be submitted with the application. Though information from the public regarding the qualifications of candidates is encouraged, applicants are asked to not flood the commissions with letters of recommendation or “mass lobbying” efforts. Quality of information is more important than quantity. The commissions will consider the following criteria in selection of nominees: integrity, professional skills, diligence and industry, judicial temperament, health and stamina, public service, decisiveness and ability to communicate.

A person does not qualify for appointment to the office of district associate judge unless the person is **at the time of appointment a resident of either Black Hawk County or Grundy County**, licensed to practice law in Iowa, and will be able, measured by the person’s age at the time of appointment, to complete the initial term of office prior to reaching age seventy-two. A district associate judge shall serve within the judicial district in which appointed, as directed by the chief judge, and is subject to reassignment under section 602.6108. No members of the commissions are eligible for the nomination to fill this position. To qualify for the position, a person must take and subscribe to the oath of office required by Iowa Code Section 63.6.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2021.

/s/Bradley J. Harris  
Chairperson, Black Hawk County and Grundy County  
Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commissions