



## **Notice of Judicial Vacancy** *Judicial Election District 5A*

The Judicial Nominating Commission for District 5A received written notification on July 5, 2023 that there is a District Judge vacancy in Judicial Election District 5A due to the upcoming retirement of District Judge Randy Hefner. The person appointed to fill this vacancy will be expected to carry out any assignment made by the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District that is within the jurisdiction of a district judge.

Anyone who wishes to be considered for appointment to fill this vacancy shall complete a written application as described below. Applicants for this position must have the following minimum qualifications: (1) be an attorney admitted to practice law in Iowa; (2) be a resident of Judicial Election District 5A or a contiguous county of Judicial Election District 5A, but if nominated and before assuming office must be or otherwise remain a resident of Judicial Election District 5A during the entire term of office; and (3) be able, measured by the person's age at the time of appointment, to complete the initial term of office, as defined in the Iowa Code prior to reaching age seventy-two (72).

Application materials may be obtained from the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission website:  
<https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions>

Completed applications must be submitted via email to the District Court Administration office, c/o Austin Westermann, [austin.westermann@iowacourts.gov](mailto:austin.westermann@iowacourts.gov) along with all members of the Commission as detailed on the instruction sheet which will be posted along with the application online. The names and e-mail addresses of the members of the Judicial Nominating Commission for District 5A are attached to this notice.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 11, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**Interviews with the Commission will be held at the Warren County Courthouse, 115 N Howard St. Indianola, IA 50125 on August 17, 2023 as well as on August 18, 2023 if needed.**

Members of the public are encouraged to email the Commissioners at the email addresses listed below any consideration requests and/or expressing views of any candidate. Please note that comments provided to the Commissioners may be subject to disclosure pursuant to Iowa's Open Records Laws.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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