

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL VACANCY JUDICIAL ELECTION DISTRICT 5A

There will be a District Court Judgeship vacancy in Election District 5A. This vacancy is the result of the retirement of the Honorable Martha L. Mertz.

Anyone wishing to be appointed to this position must be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Iowa, a resident of Judicial District 5A, and be able to complete the initial and one regular term of office prior to reaching age seventy-two (72). The regular term of a District Court Judge is 6 years.

Application forms may be obtained from Austin Westermann, Office of the District Court Administrator, email requests to austin.westermann@iowacourts.gov. DO NOT use an application form obtained from any other source or in any other manner.

A signed, hard copy of the Judicial Application must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Judicial Nominating Commission, District 5A, c/o Austin Westermann, Polk County Courthouse 500 Mulberry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, with a copy emailed to each member of the Commission by the deadline. There are ten additional Commissioners and all of them are listed on the second page of this document.

A District Court Judge of Judicial Election District 5A is a general jurisdiction trial judge presiding over civil law and equity, criminal and family court proceedings as assigned throughout the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa. A District Court Judge earns an annual salary of \$158,056.00, is eligible for a pension through the Iowa Judicial Retirement Fund, and receives benefits as an employee of the State of Iowa.

The deadline for filing judicial application is October 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., and they must be received by the Chairperson's designee (Austin Westermann) and the additional Commissioners by that date and hour. Mere mailing of the signed, hard copy by the deadline is insufficient.

Interviews will be held on October 27, 2022 as well as on October 28, 2022 if additional time is needed at the Warren County Justice Center, 115 N. Howard St, Indianola, IA 50125. The Chairperson will notify those applicants who have been selected for a personal interview of the time for same.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2022.

/s/Martha L. Mertz
MARTHA L. MERTZ, Chairperson
5A Judicial Nominating Commission

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