

Notice of Pending Elections for District Judicial Nominating Commissioners

The following individuals are currently serving as District Judicial Nominating Commissioners, and their terms will be expiring on January 31, 2022. In January 2022, the eligible resident members of the bar of each judicial election district, except judicial election district 5C, are to elect one eligible elector to the District Judicial Nominating Commission. The person to be elected in districts 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B and 7 shall be a male; the person to be elected in districts 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 8A and 8B shall be a female. The eligible resident members of the bar of judicial election district 5C are to elect two eligible electors to the District Judicial Nominating Commission. One of those to be elected shall be a male and one shall be a female. See Iowa Code § 46.4.

District 1A	Whitney Schiller (Waukon)
District 1B	Nina Forcier (Waterloo)
District 2A	Joel Yunek (Mason City)
District 2B	Stuart Cochrane (Fort Dodge)
District 3A	Abby Walleck (Spirit Lake)
District 3B	Jennifer Zupp (Denison)
District 4	Thomp Pattermann (Council Bluffs)
District 5A	Meggan Guns (West Des Moines)
District 5B	Loretta Harvey (Creston)
District 5C	Gerald Feuerhelm (Des Moines)
District 5C	Brooke Timmer (West Des Moines)
District 6	Darin Luneckas (Cedar Rapids)
District 7	Jennie Clausen (Davenport)
District 8A	John Webber III (Ottumwa)
District 8B	Nicholas Pothitakis (Burlington)

**This is to notify the public that elections will be held in January 2022 to fill
these positions on the District Judicial Nominating Commissions across the state of Iowa.**

Individuals who wish to serve on a District Judicial Nominating Commission are not required to be attorneys but must meet certain legal requirements. In addition, to have their name placed on the election ballot, individuals must file their completed nominating petition with State Court Administration no later than December 27, 2021. The nominating petition must have the signatures of at least ten eligible electors of the candidate's judicial district. Click [HERE](#) if you wish to obtain a nominating petition; then follow the instructions included with the petition regarding how to complete the petition and submit it.

The state court administrator will conduct the elections, and eligible attorneys shall have the ability to vote. See Iowa Code Chapter 46 for specific information about voting eligibility.

Voting by eligible attorneys will begin January 5, 2022.

Election winners shall be notified, and the election results shall be reported to the governor and the general assembly and published on the judicial branch website.

The above is a summary of the nomination and election process. If you wish to learn more, or if you are interested in becoming a member of a District Judicial Nominating Commission, you should carefully read Article V, sections 15 and 16 of the Iowa Constitution and Iowa Code Chapter 46 so you fully understand all the details of the nomination and election process, and the requirements for running for, or voting for, the position of commissioner. You may also find additional information on the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commissions website at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/>.

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