

NOTICE OF VACANCY

A vacancy exists in the office of District Associate Judge for Lee County. A commission has been formed, pursuant to Sections 602.6501 through 602.6504 of the Code of Iowa. The Commission will accept applications for consideration for nomination as District Associate Judge. To qualify for appointment to the office of District Associate Judge, a person must be a resident of Lee County or a contiguous county at the time of appointment, be licensed to practice law in Iowa, and be able, measured by the person's legal age at the time of appointment, to complete the initial term of office prior to reaching age seventy-two.

The Supreme Court of Iowa has approved as a certified application form a questionnaire to be completed and filed by each person who wishes to apply for nomination to be District Associate Judge. Copies of the questionnaire may be obtained from the District Court Administration office at cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov.

Each applicant for nomination must file a completed questionnaire with District Court Administration, 333 North Court Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501. The deadline for filing applications is no later than 4:00PM on January 21, 2022. A copy of each completed questionnaire will be provided to each member of the Magistrate Appointing Commission. The names of the applicants will be available to the public after the deadline for filing applications.

Each applicant will be given an opportunity to appear before the Joint Commission for a personal interview at the South Lee County Courthouse, in Keokuk, Iowa. It is anticipated that interviews will be held during the week of January 24, 2022.

The applicants' submissions and materials shall be open to the public. Applicant interviews shall also be open. The public will be allowed to observe and listen but not interact. Prior to the interviews, the public will be permitted to submit comments or recommendations regarding the qualifications of an applicant to the District Court Administrator's Office for the Eighth Judicial District, 333 North Court St., Ottumwa, IA 52501 or by emailing cathy.reck@iowacourts.gov.

The Commission will certify to the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District the names of three applicants (or all applicants if there are three or fewer who meet the statutory qualifications) who are nominated by the Commission for the vacancy. The District Judges of Judicial Election District 8B (Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Louisa Counties) will then, by majority vote, appoint one of those nominees to fill the vacancy.

LEE COUNTY MAGISTRATE APPOINTING COMMISSION

By: /s/ John Wright, Chair – Lee County