

IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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NOTICE

TO: All Applicants for District Judge Vacancy

DATE: November 19, 2021

On November 10, 2021, the State Commissioner of Elections provided the required statutory notice that a vacancy exists in the office of District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge James S. Heckerman.

To be considered by the Commission, the original completed application must be delivered to the office of the District Court Administrator, Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 South 6th Street Room 413, Iowa 51501, no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 10, 2021, and a copy sent to each Commissioner by that same date and time at the addresses listed. State prescribed applications and instructions may found at the following link:

<https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions/judicial-district-4>

No application will be accepted after **Friday, December 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.**, regardless of the reason. **Any application, together with supporting documents and letters of support, must be sent to the Commissioners at the addresses listed.**

Applicants for the position must be members of the Iowa Bar and residents of the Fourth Judicial District. They must also be of an age that will allow them to complete an initial term of office and one regular six-year term of office before reaching age seventy-two. The present salary for the position is \$154,957.

The Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission has set **Friday, December 17, 2021**, as the date for a meeting at which applicants for the position will be interviewed by the Commission. Following the interviews, the Commission will, in all probability, proceed by ballot to nominate two of the applicants for the position. The interviews and balloting will take place at the Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 South 6th Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The names of the two nominees will then be sent to the Governor, who has 30 days within which to appoint one of the two nominees to fill the vacancy.

The person appointed to the position will serve an initial term of office and will stand for retention at the next general election held not less than one year following appointment. If retained in office at that time, the person will serve a regular term of six years and may stand for retention in office every six years thereafter. Retirement of District Judges in Iowa is mandatory at age seventy-two.

There is no requirement for applicants to personally interview with Commissioners, nor is there a requirement for applicants to obtain letters of support. It is up to each individual Commissioner to determine whether or not he or she will schedule personal interviews with applicants; however, the individual policy of a Commissioner in this regard is to be applied consistently to all applicants who request an interview in a timely manner. **Letters in support of or in opposition to an applicant shall be directed to Judge James S. Heckerman (Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 South 6th Street Room 413, Council Bluffs, IA 51501), with copies sent directly to each Commissioner by regular mail or e-mail and must be received no later than Wednesday, December 8, 2021.**

To facilitate any personal contacts which an applicant may wish to make with a Commissioner, a complete list of the names and addresses of each Commissioner is provided below:

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