

Notice to Candidates

On April 5, 2024, Governor Reynolds notified the State Judicial Nominating Commission of a vacancy on the Iowa Court of Appeals that has arisen due to the retirement of Chief Judge Thomas Bower.

To be considered for balloting, a candidate for nomination to the Iowa Court of Appeals must email to the Commission and all Commissioners a single PDF version of the completed Joint Judicial Application that includes all attachments thereto, a single PDF version of the Judicial Background Application that includes all attachments thereto, and a single PDF version of any writing samples, which must be received by the Commission and the Commissioners by 11:59 P.M. on May 20, 2024. The candidates shall email copies to the Commission at the following email address: sjnc@iowa.gov. The candidates shall email each Commissioner copies to the Commissioner's email address as it appears on this notice.

The Joint Judicial Application and the Joint Judicial Background Information forms are available on the State Judicial Nominating Commission website found at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/state-commission>.

Candidates are given notice that the Commission will treat the Joint Judicial Application part of the Application a public record. The Joint Judicial Application will be posted on the judicial branch website and on the SJNC website at the time the names of all candidates are released for public comment.

Members of the public are encouraged to email the Commissioners at the email addresses for the Commissioners listed below in this notice, asking the Commission to consider an applicant for nomination and expressing views of such candidate. Please note that comments provided to the Commissioners may be subject to disclosure pursuant to Iowa's Open Records Laws. To be considered, communications from the public must be received by the Commissioners by 11:59 P.M. on May 25, 2024. The Commissioners look favorably on emailed, rather than mailed communications.

The Commission has set aside May 28 and 29, 2024, to publicly interview the candidates. In the event that all interviews can be scheduled in one day, interviews will be held on May 29, 2024. Balloting to select a slate of five nominees will take place immediately following the public interviews. The interviews will be held in the Supreme Court courtroom and will be open to the public. The interviews will also be streamed live on the Internet.

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