

Notice to Candidates

On January 14, 2020, Governor Reynolds notified the State Judicial Nominating Commission of a vacancy on the Supreme Court that will arise on the retirement of Acting Chief Justice David Wiggins on March 13, 2020.

In order to be considered for balloting, a candidate for nomination to the Supreme Court 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 Friday, February 21, 2020. 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. To be considered, communications from the public must be received by the Commissioners by 11:59 P.M. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Comments regarding an applicant made for previous vacancies will not be considered by the Commission, except for comments made and provided to the Commission for applicants that applied for the vacancy created upon the death of Chief Justice Cady who also apply for this vacancy. The Commissioners look favorably on emailed, rather than mailed communications.

The Commission has set aside Friday, March 6, 2020 to interview the candidates. Balloting to select a slate of three nominees will take place on March 6, 2020. 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.

The State and District Judicial Nominating Commissions Uniform Rules of Procedure adopted by the State Judicial Nominating Commission and dated October 31, 2019 are available at <https://www.iowajnc.gov/state-commission>.

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