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AMENDED ANNOUNCEMENT VACANCY IN CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (SUBLETTE COUNTY, PINEDALE)

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, today ***amended*** the notice of vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial District. The judicial vacancy was announced October 12, 2022 as a result of the retirement of Circuit Court Judge James L. Radda effective March 2, 2023. The Wyoming Supreme Court will relocate Judge Curt A. Haws, Circuit Court Judge in the Ninth Judicial District, to the Teton County Circuit Court in Jackson. Consequently, the Circuit Court judge opening in the Ninth Judicial District will be in Sublette County, Pinedale. All deadlines will remain the same.

The position will be filled on March 3, 2023. The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Thursday, November 10, 2022. The expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers>. The completed form ***must be received*** in the office of Chief Justice Fox no later than **5:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 10, 2022**. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the Commission will not consider them, but will instead only review documents specifically required by the expression of interest.

Governor Gordon will appoint the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Sublette County, Pinedale, from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Fox, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Anna Reeves Olson of Casper, Katherine Strike of Lander, and Devon O'Connell of Laramie; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Gudrid Espenscheid of Big Piney, Paul Scherbel of Afton, and Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater.

The salary for the Circuit Court judge position is \$145,000 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 5-1-106.

TO SERVE AS A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE STATE, AND AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW IN WYOMING.