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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN DISTRICT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (LARAMIE COUNTY)

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today a vacancy for a District Court Judge in the First Judicial District (Laramie County). The judicial vacancy will occur as a result of the retirement of District Court Judge Thomas T.C. Campbell effective March 16, 2024. The position will be filled March 17, 2024.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Thursday, November 2, 2023. The expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <u>http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers</u>. The completed form *must be received* in the office of Chief Justice Fox no later than **5:00 p.m., on Thursday, November 2, 2023**. 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 First Judicial District Court Judge (Laramie County) from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Fox (Chairman), three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Katherine Strike of Lander, Devon O'Connell of Laramie, and Mandy Good of Cheyenne; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Paul Scherbel of Afton, Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater, and Lisa Anderson of Shell.

The salary for the District Court Judge position will be \$171,200.00 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <u>https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC</u>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 5-1-106.

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