

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL OPENING

The Governor of the State of Iowa and the Commissioner of Elections have certified a judicial vacancy in Judicial Election Subdistrict 1B. The Subdistrict 1B Judicial Nominating Commission received written notice of the vacancy from the Governor on June 17, 2024.

A vacancy exists in Iowa Judicial Election District 1B for a district associate judge due to the upcoming retirement of Judge Daniel Block. The person appointed to fill this vacancy will be expected to carry out any assignment made by the Chief Judge of the First Judicial District that is within the jurisdiction of a district associate judge, as defined in Iowa Code Sections 602.6305 and 602.6306. However, it is anticipated that the appointee will be assigned and designated primarily as a judge of the juvenile court covering the Black Hawk County juvenile court docket.

Anyone seeking to be nominated for this position must file a certified application as described below. Applicants for this position must have the following minimum qualifications: (1) be an attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa; (2) be a resident of Judicial Election District 1B or a contiguous county of Judicial Election District 1B, but if nominated and before assuming office must be or otherwise remain a resident of Judicial Election District 1B during the entire term of office; and (3) be able, measured by the person's age at the time of appointment, to complete the initial term of office, as defined in Iowa Code prior to reaching age seventy-two (72).

The Uniform Joint Judicial Application form may be obtained from the Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission website: <https://www.iowajnc.gov/district-commissions/judicial-district-1>. All non-confidential portions of an applicants' submissions and materials shall be posted on the Commission website. Applicants must also complete the Joint Judicial Background Information available on the same website.

Completed applications and any cover letter, writing sample or attachment must be electronically submitted to Chief Judge Kellyann Lekar (kellyann.lekar@iowacourts.gov), Chairperson of the District 1B Nominating Commission, Lena Heit (lena.heit@iowacourts.gov), District Court Administrator/Secretary of the Commission, and ALL members of the Commission to their email addresses listed on the attached sheet.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. *No late application will be accepted.*

It is expected that interviews will be conducted on July 22, 2024, in a designated room in the Black Hawk County Courthouse. Commission deliberations and balloting are confidential.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments concerning the qualifications of any applicant by email to the Commissioners at the email addresses listed below. Comments provided to the Commissioners may be subject to disclosure pursuant to Iowa's Open Records Laws.

The Commission will submit the names of two nominees to the Governor of the State of Iowa who will then have 30 days to appoint a nominee to fill the vacancy.

Dated this 21 day of June, 2024.

Chief Judge Kellyann Lekar, Chairperson
1B Black Hawk Judicial Nominating Commission

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