

Nebraska State Bar Association
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December 1, 2021

The Honorable Stephanie F. Stacy
Nebraska Supreme Court Justice
State Capitol, #2219
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Justice Stacy:

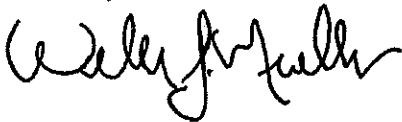
As the President of the Nebraska State Bar Association ("the NSBA") I wish to convey to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission the NSBA's recommendation regarding the vacancy in the District Court of the 10th Judicial District, due to the retirement of Judge Stephen R. Illingworth.

The members of the NSBA's Judicial Resources Committee ("the Committee"), reviewed the Judicial Weighted Caseload Reports ("Judicial Workload Assessment") which includes statistics through September 2021. This report shows that there is a need for 2.2 judges in the District Court of the 10th Judicial District and the current number of judges is 2.0 and based upon this determination, the Committee concluded that the State's justice system will not have adequate judicial resources available in the District Court of the 10th Judicial District unless the current vacancy is filled expeditiously.

Therefore, the NSBA recommends that the current vacancy in the District Court of the 10th Judicial District be filled, with the principal office in Hastings, Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations set forth herein. Please include this letter with the materials provided to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission for your December 10th meeting.

Sincerely,



William J. Mueller
NSBA President

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