

Nebraska State Bar Association

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November 20, 2024

Justice Jonathan J. Papik
Nebraska Supreme Court
State Capitol, #2218
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Justice Papik:

On behalf of the NSBA Judicial Resources Committee ("the Committee"), I wish to convey to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission our recommendation regarding the vacancies in the Douglas County Court due to the retirement of Judge Daryl Lowe and the District Court in the 9th Judicial District due to the appointment of Judge Ryan Carson to the federal court bench.

The Committee met on November 19th and weighed many factors including caseload, case types and most importantly, access to the trial courts for Nebraska citizens. The members of the Committee also had available the Judicial Weighted Caseload Reports ("Judicial Workload Assessment") which included statistics through July, 2024. Based upon this discussion, the Committee concluded that the State's justice system will not have adequate judicial resources available unless the current vacancies are filled expeditiously.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the current vacancies in the Douglas County Court and the District Court in the 9th Judicial District be filled.

Thank you for considering our recommendations set forth herein. Please include this letter with the materials provided to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission ahead of your December 13th meeting.

Sincerely,



Hon. Tricia A. Freeman
NSBA President

Cc: Corey Steel
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