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Rural Attorney Recruitment Program

27-02.2

November 20, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Ashley Job Economic Development (Ashley JDA) is applying for the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program.

27-02.2-01

3. A. The demographic of the count or municipality:

The City of Ashley has a estimated population of 599 with a Median age of 61.8. Ashley School system has a estimated 143 children.

B. The age of number of members of the county or local bar association;

City of Ashley has 1 very part-time private practice attorney at retirement age. County of McIntosh has also lost their only full-time private practice attorney who was also McIntosh County States Attorney.

C. The recommendation of the presiding district court judge; (Attached)

D. The economic development programs within the county or municipality;

Ashley Job Economic Development

PO Box 62

Ashley, ND 58413

E. The geographical location of the county or municipality in comparison to other counties or municipalities participating in the program:

Ashley, ND is in the Southeast Judicial District in North Dakota. Ashley is the county seat of McIntosh County. Other Eligible Communities in the State are in Southwest and Northeast Judicial Districts.

F. Any prior participation in the program by the county or municipality:

Ashley JDA has had no prior participation in the program.

Sincerely,

  
Laurie Heupel, President

Ashley Job Development Authority

PO Box 62

Ashley, ND 58413

**State of North Dakota  
Chambers of  
The District Court**

DANIEL D. NARUM  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

LAUREL ALBER  
JUDICIAL SECRETARY  
COURT RECORDER

November 16, 2023

Chief Justice Jensen and members of the North Dakota Supreme Court  
Judicial Wing, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

Dear Chief Justice Jensen and members of the North Dakota Supreme Court,

I am writing to recommend the city of Ashley, North Dakota, for participation in the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program under Administrative Rule 62.

In my observation, Ashley, is a thriving county seat that has a large trade area of rural land between Bismarck and Jamestown.

Recently, Ashley and the county of McIntosh lost its only active private practice attorney, who was also the McIntosh County State's Attorney when she accepted the position as an assistant state's attorney in Stutsman County.

I believe Ashley, North Dakota, is exactly the type of community that was intended to be benefited by Administrative Rule 62, and I recommend its participation in the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program without any reservations.

If you have any additional questions for me, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Daniel D. Narum  
District Judge

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