

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

Supreme Court No. 20260183

**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 5, with Chambers in Minot, North Central Judicial District**

[¶1] On May 12, 2026, the Governor notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable Todd L. Cresap as Judge of the District Court in the North Central Judicial District, effective July 17, 2026. Therefore, under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Cresap's retirement. Section 27-05-02.1, N.D.C.C., requires the Supreme Court to determine whether the judgeship is necessary for effective judicial administration in the North Central Judicial District or whether the judgeship may be transferred. The Court considered the matter.

[¶2] **IT IS ORDERED**, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the North Central Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2(b). Any person wishing to comment on the vacancy may also do so in writing no later than June 17, 2026. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Court Administrator for Unit 4 regarding the North Central Judicial District and discussing the criteria under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2 and receive statewide caseload data from the State Court Administrator's office. Written comments may be filed as provided by the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

[¶3] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, the Honorable Douglas A. Bahr, and the Honorable Mark A. Friese, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

[¶4] Dated: 5/18/2026

Petra H. Mandigo Hulm  
Clerk  
North Dakota Supreme Court