

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

Supreme Court No. 20210177

**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 9, with Chambers in Mandan,
South Central Judicial District**

[¶1] On June 24, 2021, Governor Doug Burgum notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable John W. Grinsteiner as Judge of the District Court in the South Central Judicial District, effective August 20, 2021. Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1 a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Grinsteiner's retirement. The Court considered the matter, and

[¶2] **ORDERED**, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the South Central Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2. Any judge, lawyer or member of the public wishing to comment on the vacancy may do so by e-mail to Petra H. Mandigo Hulm, Clerk of the Supreme Court, at supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov, or in writing addressed to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530, **no later than July 12, 2021**. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the District Court Administrator for Unit 3, regarding the South Central Judicial District and discussing the criteria under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2 and statewide caseload data from the State Court Administrator's Office.

[¶3] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota convened this 25th day of June, 2021, with, the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Gerald W. Vandewalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, and the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order. The Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justice, was unavoidably absent and did not participate in the decision.

/s/ Petra H. Mandigo Hulm
Clerk
North Dakota Supreme Court