

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION**

Supreme Court No. 20200264

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**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 5, with Chambers in  
Cavalier and Langdon, Northeast Judicial District**

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[¶1] On October 2, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable Laurie A. Fontaine as Judge of the District Court in the Northeast Judicial District, effective January 29, 2021. Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1 a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Fontaine’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 Northeast 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](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov), or in writing addressed to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530, **no later than October 28, 2020**. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the District Court Administrator for Unit 1, regarding the Northeast Judicial District and discussing the criteria under Administrative Rule 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 7th day of October, 2020, with, the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

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