

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION**

Supreme Court No. 20210311

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**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 4,  
with Chambers in Fargo, East Central Judicial District**

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[¶1] On November 1, 2021, this Court received notice from the Honorable Steven L. Marquart, District Judge for the East Central Judicial District, that he does not intend to be a candidate for his position when his term expires December 31, 2022. Therefore, under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1(2), a vacancy is created. 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 East Central Judicial District or whether the judgeship may be transferred. The Court considered the matter, and

[¶2] **ORDERED**, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the East Central Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2. Any person wishing to comment on the vacancy may do so in writing no later than December 16, 2021. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Trial Court Administrator for Unit 2, regarding the East 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. Written comments may be e-mailed to Petra H. Mandigo Hulm, Clerk of the Supreme Court, at [supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov](mailto:supclerkofcourt@ndcourts.gov), or addressed to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0530.

[¶3] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, the Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, and the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

Dated: November 16, 2021

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