

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION
Supreme Court No. 20220082

**In the Matter of the Vacancy in Judgeship No. 2,
with Chambers in Valley City, Southeast Judicial District**

[¶1] On March 9, 2022, this Court received notice from the Honorable Mark T. Blumer, District Judge for the Southeast 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 Southeast Judicial District or whether the judgeship may be transferred to another location to fulfill a need for judicial services. The Court considered the matter, and

[¶2] **ORDERED**, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the Southeast 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 March 25, 2022**. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Trial Court Administrator for Unit 2, regarding the Southeast 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 e-mailed to Petra H. Mandigo Hulm, Clerk of the Supreme Court, at 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: March 10, 2022

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