

Affidavit of Publication

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Supreme Court No. 20230068
**IN THE MATTER OF THE
VACANCY IN JUDGESHIP NO.
3,
WITH CHAMBERS IN
WILLISTON, NORTHWEST
JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

¶1] On March 7, 2023, the Governor notified this Court of the retirement of the Honorable Paul W. Jacobson as Judge of the District Court in the Northwest Judicial District, effective May 31, 2023. Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, a vacancy in the office of district judge will be created upon Judge Jacobson's retirement. The Court considered the matter, and [¶2] Within 90 days after notification of the vacancy, N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1 requires the Supreme Court to determine whether the office is necessary for effective judicial administration. The Supreme Court may order that: (1) the vacancy be filled; (2) the vacant office be transferred to a judicial district in which an additional judge is necessary for effective judicial administration; or (3) the vacant office be abolished with or without transfer of a district judgeship to any location in which a judge is necessary for effective judicial administration. The Supreme

Court considered the matter, and [¶3] ORDERED, the Supreme Court will undertake a written consultation with the attorneys and judges of the Northwest Judicial District under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2(b). Under N.D. Sup Ct. Admin. R. 7.2(b), any interested person wishing to comment on the vacancy may also do so in writing. Comments are due no later than April 10, 2023. It is expected the Supreme Court will receive a report from the Court Administrator for Unit 4 regarding the Northwest 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. [¶4] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota, with the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, the Honorable Jerod E. Tuftte, and the Honorable Douglas A. Bahr, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

Dated: March 8, 2023.
Petra H. Mandigo Hulm
Clerk North Dakota
Supreme Court

State of North Dakota, County of Divide, ss:

I, Cecile L. Wehrman, being first duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am the publisher of The Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation and official newspaper of Divide County, State of North Dakota, published in the city of Crosby, ND, and that the advertisement headed

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Signed Cecile L. Wehrman
Cecile L. Wehrman, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me March 15, 2023

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Notary Public, State of North Dakota

