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**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION
IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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. Tufto, 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
(March 15, 2023)

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
County of McKenzie) ss

I, Grace Bumstead being first duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am the Production Manager of the McKenzie County Farmer, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Watford City, in said county and state, and that the advertisement headed:

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Judgeship No. 3

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Grace Bumstead

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March

A.D. 2023

Patrice L. Bumstead

Notary Public,
State of North Dakota

PATRICE L. BUMSTEAD
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires April 29, 2026

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