

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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NOTICE

TO: News Media
RE: District Judge Vacancy
DATE: July 15, 2009

A vacancy exists in the office of District Judge for the Sixth Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge Thomas L. Koehler as of July 15, 2009.

To be considered by the Commission, all completed applications must be delivered to the office of the District Court Administrator, Linn County Courthouse, P.O. Box 5488, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by no later than 3:00 p.m., August 20, 2009. State-prescribed applications may be picked up at the Court Administration Office. No application will be accepted after that time, regardless of the reason.

Applicants for the position must be members of the Iowa Bar and residents of the Sixth Judicial District. They must also be of an age that will allow them to complete an initial term of office and one regular six-year term of office before reaching age seventy-two. The present salary for the position is \$137,700.

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission has set **Friday, August 28, 2009**, as the date for a meeting at which all applicants for the position will be interviewed by the Commission. Following the interviews, the Commission will, in all probability, proceed by ballot to nominate two of the applicants for the position. The interviews and balloting will take place in Courtroom 3-A of the Linn County Courthouse. The names of the two nominees will then be sent to the Governor, who has 30 days within which to appoint one of the two nominees to fill the vacancy.

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The person appointed to the position will serve an initial term of office and will stand for retention at the next general election held not less than one year following appointment. If retained in office at that time, the person will serve a regular term of six years and may stand for retention in office every six years thereafter. Retirement of District Judges in Iowa is mandatory at age seventy-two.

There is no requirement for applicants to personally interview with Commissioners, nor is there a requirement for applicants to obtain letters of support or opposition. It is up to each individual Commissioner to determine whether or not they will schedule personal interviews with applicants; however, the individual policy of a Commissioner in this regard is to be applied consistently to all applicants who request an interview in a timely manner. **Letters must be directed to Judge Kristin Hibbs at the Courthouse with copies sent or e-mailed directly to each Commissioner.** It is suggested that letters of support or opposition be mailed to the Commissioners no later than August 25, 2009.

Thomas Koehler, Judge
Chairman, Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission

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