

PUBLIC NOTICE – MARCH 19, 2021

REGARDING LINN COUNTY DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGE VACANCY

The Linn County Associate District Court Judge Appointing Commission will meet on **Friday, April 16, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** at the Linn County Courthouse for the purpose of nominating and certifying three individuals to Chief Judge Lars Anderson of the Sixth Judicial District to fill the vacancy created by the new district associate position in Linn County authorized by the Judicial Branch. The newly appointed district associate judge will be assigned to the Linn County magistrate docket. Within fifteen days after the chief judge receives the list of three final applicants, the district judges of the Sixth Judicial District must appoint one of the three finalists as the newest Linn County district associate judge.

To qualify for nomination by the Linn County Associate District Court Judge Appointing Commission, a qualified applicant must file a certified application with the chairperson of the Associate District Court Appointing Commission by providing the original to the Linn County Clerk of Court by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021**, using the form approved by the Iowa Supreme Court. The Clerk of Court shall then email a copy of the filed application to each of the five commissioners. The application form is available in the office of the Linn County Clerk of Court, Linn County Courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; or the form may be required via email from: Roxann.Repstien@iowacourts.gov

An interview schedule will be posted at the Linn County Courthouse on **Monday, April 12, 2021**. Each applicant must be personally present for the applicant's scheduled interview to be conducted by the commission on **Friday, April 16, 2021**, at the estimated time posted outside the meeting room.

There is no requirement for an applicant to interview personally with any of the individual commissioners before the date of the commission meeting nor is there any requirement for an applicant to submit letters of support. An applicant may contact individual commissioners to request a personal interview if an applicant wishes to do so. It is up to each individual commissioner to determine whether the commissioner will schedule personal interviews with the applicants prior to the date of the commission meeting. Letters of support, if any, may be emailed to each commissioner. Copies will be maintained by the commission for delivery to the chief judge of the district when the list of three nominees is certified by the commission to the chief judge of the district. Any citizen may communicate with any or all of the commissioners to express their views on a candidate.

District associate judge appointments, jurisdiction, and procedures are specified in Iowa Code sections 602.6301 – 602.6306. Please take note of the following information:

1. An applicant must be admitted to practice law in Iowa as a condition of being nominated for the office of district associate judge.
2. The district associate judge must be a resident of the Sixth Judicial District at the time of appointment and must continue to be a resident of the Sixth Judicial District during the entire term of office. The Sixth Judicial District is made up of the following counties in Iowa: Benton, Iowa, Linn, Johnson, Jones, and Tama.
3. The district associate judge shall serve an initial term and thereafter, in order to continue in their office, must stand for retention within the Sixth Judicial District at the judicial election under Iowa Code Sections 46.16 through 46.24.
4. The initial term of office for a district associate judge is for one year after appointment and until January 1 following the next judicial election after the expiration of such year.
5. An applicant must be able, measured by the person's age at the time of appointment, to complete the initial term of office prior to reaching age seventy-two, which is the mandatory retirement age for district associate judges.
6. The present annual salary for a district associate judge is \$133,728.
7. The district associate judge must serve within the Sixth Judicial District as directed by the chief judge and is subject to reassignment under Iowa Code Section 602.6108. Service will include rotations on nights and weekends.
8. District associate judges shall qualify for office as provided in Iowa Code Chapter 63.
9. The Linn County Clerk of Court maintains and will make available the public record of the names, addresses (including email addresses), phone numbers, and the terms of office of each member of the Linn County Magistrate Appointing Commission.

For the Commissions,

/s/ Mitchell E. Turner

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