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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today a vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge in the First Judicial District – Laramie County. The judicial vacancy will occur as a result of the retirement of Circuit Court Judge Thomas Lee effective December 20, 2024. The position will be filled December 21, 2024.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Thursday, September 12, 2024. The expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers>. The completed form *must be received* in the office of Chief Justice Fox no later than **5:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 12, 2024**. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the Commission will not consider them, but will instead only review documents specifically required by the expression of interest.

Governor Gordon will appoint the First Judicial Circuit Court Judge – Laramie County from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Fox, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Devon O'Connell of Laramie, Mandy Good of Cheyenne, and Clint Langer of Sheridan; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater, Lisa Anderson of Shell and Rick Fagnant of Lander.

The salary for the Circuit Court judge position is \$153,700 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 9-3-707.

TO SERVE AS A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE STATE, AND AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW IN WYOMING.