

PRESS RELEASE
Magistrate Judge Applicants for Bannock County

The Sixth Judicial District Magistrates Commission will be selecting a magistrate judge to replace the Hon. Thomas W. Clark, who will be retiring effective August 31, 2023. The Magistrates Commission asks you for your help in the appointment by providing us with your comments on the following applicants:

Eighteen (18) applicants have applied for the position:

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| Nathan Duane Adams | Deputy Prosecutor; Kootenai County | Hayden, ID |
| Jason Michael Brown | Private Attorney; May, Rammell & Wells | Pocatello, ID |
| Jeremy Dean Brown | Deputy Public Defender; Bannock County | Blackfoot, ID |
| John Joseph Bulger | Private Attorney; Hearn Law PLC | Pocatello, ID |
| Jason Ronald Chandler | Deputy Attorney General; Pocatello Office | Blackfoot, ID |
| Robert Thomas Curl | Deputy Public Defender; Blaine County | Ketchum, ID |
| Richard Allen Diehl | Pocatello Deputy City Attorney | Chubbuck, ID |
| Rilie Michael Fry | Senior Deputy Public Defender; Bannock County | Pocatello, ID |
| Monte Christopher Gray | Asst. General Counsel, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes | Pocatello, ID |
| Ian Christopher Johnson | Pocatello Deputy City Attorney | Pocatello, ID |
| Michael Joshua Morrissey | Public Defender, Power/Oneida Joint Office | Pocatello, ID |
| David Kay Penrod | Private Attorney; Penrod Swenson PLLC | Pocatello, ID |
| JaNiece Price | Deputy Prosecutor; Bannock County | Pocatello, ID |
| Brad Leonard Rigby | Deputy Public Defender; Bonneville County | Ammon, ID |
| Randy W. Smith | Canyon County Deputy Public Defender IV | Middleton, ID |
| Thomas Daniel Smith | Private Attorney at Spinner, Wood & Smith | Inkom, ID |
| Erin Jennifer Tognetti | Deputy Prosecutor; Bannock County | Lava Hot Springs, ID |
| Joshua Wickard | Deputy Public Defender; Ada County | Boise, ID |

Evaluation questionnaires on the applicants will be sent to attorneys statewide. Evaluation forms for public comment may be obtained from the Sixth District Trial Court Administrator's Office, 624 E. Center, Room 307, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 or your local county courthouse. You can call 208-236-7379 or request a form by email at: kerryh@bannockcounty.gov

Any individuals with personal knowledge regarding the qualification of the applicants are urged to complete the evaluation form. Evaluations on the magistrate judge applicants should be returned to the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 624 E. Center, Room 307, Pocatello, ID 83201 or by email **no later than June 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Cover Sheet
Public Questionnaire on Qualifications of
Applicants for Appointment as Magistrate Judge of
the Sixth Judicial District

Pursuant to Idaho Code §1-2205(b), the Magistrates Commission is reviewing applicants for appointment to fill the position of Magistrate Judge of the Sixth Judicial District chambered at Bannock County. The Commission requests your assistance in discharging its statutory responsibilities.

In order to assure proper evaluation of your response, please do the following before starting on the questionnaire:

1. Please print your name and address: _____

2. Please sign your name: _____

This cover sheet will be detached from the completed questionnaire. The confidentiality of your responses will be protected.

Complete this questionnaire only with respect to individuals whom you know sufficiently well, based upon personal contact and/or professional experiences, to render a sound and informed opinion. The pattern of responses applicant, rather than the quantity of responses, will be the focus of the Magistrates Commission's review. (If you have additional remarks, write them on the back of the questionnaire. They will be read and discussed.)

The names and occupations of the applicants are attached to the questionnaire itself. Select those on whom you will respond and then complete the questionnaire. When you are finished, please mail the questionnaire and cover sheet to:

Kerry Hong
Trial Court Administrator
624 E. Center, RM 307
Pocatello, ID 83201
kerryh@bannockcounty.us

Your comments must be received no later than June 23, 2023, in order to be considered. Thank you for your assistance.

Public Questionnaire

Instructions:

For each applicant on whom you wish to comment, please state briefly: (a) in what connection you know the applicant, and (b) information you believe the District Magistrates Commission should have about the applicant's qualifications. The area(s) most important to the Commission are each applicant's integrity and moral courage, legal ability, legal experience, intelligence and wisdom, capacity to be fair-minded and deliberate, industriousness and promptness in performing duties, compatibility of personal habits and outside activities with judicial office, and capacity to be courteous and considerate on the bench. Please make additional copies of this page if you wish to comment on more applicants.

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