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### **JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN DISTRICT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR SWEETWATER COUNTY)**

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael K. Davis, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today that Third Judicial District Judge Nena James will be retiring effective October 18, 2019.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through **Tuesday, July 23, 2019**. Copies of 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 Davis no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 23, 2019**. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the Commission will not consider them, but will instead only review letters specifically required by the Expression of Interest.

Governor Mark Gordon will appoint the District Judge from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Davis, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Gay Woodhouse of Cheyenne; Anna Reeves Olson of Casper, and Thomas A. Thompson of Rawlins; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Paul Scherbel of Afton, Rosie Berger of Big Horn, and Gudrid Espenscheid of Big Piney.

TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE LEARNED IN THE LAW, AT LEAST TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A RESIDENT OF WYOMING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.