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### JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (NATRONA COUNTY)

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today that Circuit Court Judge H. Steven Brown, Seventh Judicial District (Natrona County), will be retiring effective July 2, 2022.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Friday, March 11, 2022. 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 Friday, March 11, 2022**. 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 Mark Gordon will appoint the Seventh Judicial District Circuit Court Judge (Natrona 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: Anna Reeves Olson of Casper, Katherine Strike of Lander, and Devon O'Connell of Laramie; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Gudrid Espenscheid of Big Piney, Paul Scherbel of Afton, and Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater.

The salary for the Circuit Court judge position is \$145,000 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 5-1-106.

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