

**JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION  
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*Notice of Judicial Vacancy – Second Judicial Circuit, Position I*

TO: All Active Members of the State Bar of South Dakota  
FROM: Cheryle Gering, Secretary, Judicial Qualifications Commission

With the upcoming retirement of the Hon. Douglas Hoffman in the Second Judicial Circuit, the Judicial Qualifications Commission is now taking applications. The duty station for this position will be Sioux Falls. The current salary for a circuit court judge position in South Dakota is \$181,426.30 annually and will be subject to any increase as approved by the legislature effective July 1, 2025. In addition, circuit court judges and their dependents are eligible to participate in the State of South Dakota's health insurance plan, and circuit court judges participate in the State's defined benefit retirement plan.

All lawyers and judges interested in applying should obtain the application form at <http://ujqs.sd.gov/>, or contact Lori Grode at the State Court Administrator's Office. The application must be returned to the Administrator's Office and must be postmarked no later than **5:00 PM on May 30, 2025**. Applicants should make sure the application form submitted is the 2018 version.

You may also obtain the application form by writing or telephoning:

Lori Grode  
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500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Telephone: 605-773-2099  
Email: [lori.grode@ujqs.state.sd.us](mailto:lori.grode@ujqs.state.sd.us)

Or, visit <http://ujqs.sd.gov/> for current job openings.

The Second Circuit is comprised of the following counties: Minnehaha and Lincoln.