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***Notice of 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Vacancy – Readvertisement***

TO: All Active Members of the State Bar of South Dakota

FROM: Cheryle Gering, Secretary, Judicial Qualifications Commission

With the appointment of the Hon. Robert Gusinsky to the South Dakota Supreme Court, this created a vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge (Position G) in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. The duty station for this position shall be located in Rapid City, SD. As of July 1, 2025, the salary for a circuit court judge position in South Dakota is \$183,694.13. In addition, circuit court judges and their dependents are eligible to participate in the State of South Dakota's health insurance plan; circuit court judges participate in the State's defined benefit retirement plan. The Judicial Qualifications Commission is now readvertising for applications for this position.

All lawyers and judges interested in applying should obtain the application form at <http://uj.s.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, **using USPS Priority Mail**, no later than **5:00 PM on Monday, March 30, 2026**.

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

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500 East Capitol Avenue  
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Telephone: 605-773-3474  
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or, visit <http://uj.s.sd.gov/> for current job openings.

The Seventh Circuit is comprised of the following counties: Pennington, Custer, Fall River and Oglala Lakota.