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*Notice of Judicial Vacancy*

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

The retirement of the Hon. Tony L. Portra will create a vacancy for a Circuit Court Judge position (Position B) in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. The duty station for this position shall be located in Aberdeen, SD. The Judicial Qualifications Commission is now taking applications for this position.

All lawyers and judges interested in applying should obtain the application form at <http://ujs.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 July 5, 2023**. Applicants should make sure the application submitted is the 2018 revision.

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

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

The Fifth Circuit is comprised of the following counties: Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Marshall, McPherson, Roberts, Spink, and Walworth.