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*Notice of Judicial Vacancy – Third Judicial Circuit, Position E*

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. Robert Spears in the Third Judicial Circuit, the Judicial Qualifications Commission is now taking applications. Pursuant to realignment of the judicial positions by Presiding Judge Gregory Stoltenburg, the duty station for Position E will be Brookings. The current salary for a circuit court judge position in South Dakota, effective July 1, 2024, is \$181,426.30. 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.

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 no later than **5:00 PM on September 4, 2024**. Applicants should make sure the application submitted is the 2018 version.

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

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500 East Capitol Avenue  
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Or, visit <http://uj.s.sd.gov/> for current job openings.

The Third Circuit is comprised of the following counties: Beadle, Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner, Moody and Sanborn.