

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE APPLICANTS

The First Judicial District Magistrates Commission will meet on May 24, 2024 to select a magistrate judge to replace Bonner County Magistrate Judge Lori Meulenberg in Bonner County, who will retire in the beginning of July 2024. Judge Meulenberg has served as a magistrate judge since March 8, 2013.

The following applicants are being considered:

NATHAN ADAMS is a Deputy Prosecutor in Kootenai County, ID

AMY BISTLINE is a Staff Attorney in Bonner County, ID

CATHERINE ENRIGHT is a Chief Deputy Public Defender in Bonner County, ID

LUKE HAGELBERG is a Chief Public Defender in Bonner County, ID

STACIA HAGERTY is an Attorney Kootenai County, ID

DONALD TERRY is a Bonner County Public Defender in Bonner County, ID

Evaluation questionnaires on the applicants will be sent to attorneys statewide. Questionnaires for public comment may be obtained from the Bonner County District Court Clerk's office located on the first floor of the Bonner County Courthouse, 215 S. 1st Avenue, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, (208) 265-1432, or at the First District Trial Court Administrator's office, Kootenai County Courthouse, 501 N. Government Way, Lower Level, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814, (208) 446-1221, email: kbehringer@kcgov.us. Evaluations can also be accessed on the Kootenai County District Court webpage and the Bonner County District Court webpage.

Evaluations should be returned to the Trial Court Administrator's office no later than April 29, 2024.

Cover Sheet
Public Questionnaire on Qualifications of
Applicants for Appointment as Magistrate Judge of
The First Judicial District

Pursuant to Idaho Code §1-2205(b), the Magistrates Commission is reviewing applicants for appointment to fill the position of Magistrate Judge of the First Judicial District chambered in Bonner County. The Commission requests your assistance in discharging its statutory responsibilities.

In order to assure proper evaluation of your response, please do the following before starting on the questionnaire:

1. Please print your name and address: _____

2. Please sign your name: _____

This cover sheet will be detached from the completed questionnaire. The confidentiality of your responses will be protected.

Complete this questionnaire only with respect to individuals whom you know sufficiently well, based upon personal contact and/or professional experiences, to render a sound and informed opinion. The pattern of responses applicant, rather than the quantity of responses, will be the focus of the Magistrates Commission's review. (If you have additional remarks, write them on the back of the questionnaire. They will be read and discussed.)

The names and occupations of the applicants are attached to the questionnaire itself. Select those on whom you will respond and then complete the questionnaire. When you are finished, please mail the questionnaire and cover sheet to:

Karlene Behringer
Trial Court Administrator
First District of Idaho
Kootenai County Courthouse
501 N. Government Way, Lower Level
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
Email: KBehringer@kcgov.us

Your comments must be received no later than April 29, 2024 in order to be considered. Thank you for your assistance.

Public Questionnaire

Instructions:

For each applicant on whom you wish to comment, please state briefly: (a) in what connection you know the applicant, and (b) information you believe the District Magistrates Commission should have about the applicant's qualifications. The area(s) most important to the Commission are each applicant's integrity and moral courage, legal ability, legal experience, intelligence and wisdom, capacity to be fair-minded and deliberate, industriousness and promptness in performing duties, compatibility of personal habits and outside activities with judicial office, and capacity to be courteous and considerate on the bench. Please make additional copies of this page if you wish to comment on more applicants.

Last name of applicant on whom you are commenting:
Personal or professional experience with applicant upon which comments are based:
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