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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES VACANCY IN THE CHANCERY COURT

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today a vacancy for a Chancery Court judge. The Chancery Court judge has concurrent jurisdiction throughout the State, though the Chancery Court is located in Casper, Wyoming. The position will be filled January 1, 2025.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Thursday, October 3, 2024. The expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers>. The completed form *must be received* in the office of Chief Justice Fox no later than **5:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 3, 2024**. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the Commission will not consider them, but will instead only review documents specifically required by the expression of interest.

Governor Gordon will appoint the Chancery Court judge from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Fox, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Devon O'Connell of Laramie, Mandy Good of Cheyenne, and Clint Langer of Sheridan; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater, Lisa Anderson of Shell, and Rick Fagnant of Lander.

The salary for the Chancery Court judge position is \$171,200.00 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 9-3-707.

TO SERVE AS A CHANCERY COURT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE STATE, AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW IN WYOMING, AND EXPERIENCED OR KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CHANCERY COURT. Wyo. Stat. § 5-13-108.