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Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

Supreme Court No. 20260320

In the Matter of the Vacancy
in Judgeship No. 2 with Cham-
bers in Dickinson, Southwest
Judicial District

[1] On September 4, 2026,
this Court received notice that
the Honorable William A. Her-
auf, District Judge for the South-
west Judicial District, is retiring
from Judgeship No. 2, effective
November 30, 2026. Therefore,

under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1,
a vacancy is created. Section
27-05-02.1, N.D.C.C., requires
the Supreme Court to deter-
mine whether the judgeship is
necessary for effective judicial
administration in the Southwest
Judicial District or whether the
judgeship may be transferred.
The Court considered the mat-
ter.

[2] IT IS ORDERED, the
Supreme Court will undertake a
written consultation with the at-
torneys and judges of the South-
west Judicial District under N.D.
Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 7.2. Any per-
son wishing to comment on the
vacancy may do so in writing
no later than October 9, 2026.
It is expected that the Supreme
Court will receive a report from
the Court Administrator for Unit 3
regarding the Southwest Judicial
District and discussing the crite-
ria under N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin.

R. 7.2 and receive statewide
caseload data from the State
Court Administra-tor's office.
Written comments may be filed
as provided by the Rules of Ap-
pellate Procedure.

[3] The Supreme Court of
the State of North Dakota con-
vened with the Honorable Lisa
Fair McEvers, Chief Justice,
and the Honorable Jerod E.
Tufte, the Honorable Jon J. Jen-
sen, the Honorable Douglas A.
Bahr, and the Honorable Mark
A. Friese, Justices, directing the
Clerk of the Supreme Court to
enter the above order.

[4] Dated: 9/10/2026

Petra H. Mandigo Hulm
Clerk
North Dakota
Supreme Court

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