March 10, 2020

The Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) today provided an update on the nomination process for the position of District Judge for Osage County, Tenth Judicial District, Office 1. This vacancy was created due to the appointment of the Honorable M. John Kane to the Supreme Court.

The original deadline for applications for this position was March 6, 2020. Only two individuals have applied thus far. The JNC is constitutionally required to send three nominees to the Governor and, based on a 2006 Attorney General Opinion (2006 OK AG 2), the JNC will continue the process until the constitutional requirement of three qualified nominees is met. The deadline for additional applications is Friday, April 10, 2020.

To be appointed to the office of District Judge, one must be a legal resident of Osage County at the time (s)he takes the oath of office and assumes the duties of office. Additionally, prior to appointment, such appointee shall have had a minimum of four years’ experience in Oklahoma as a licensed practicing attorney, a judge of a court of record, or both.

Application forms can be obtained online at www.oscn.net (click on “Programs”, then “Judicial Nominating Commission”, then “Application”) or by contacting Tammy Reaves at (405) 556-9300. Applications must be submitted to the Chairman of the JNC no later than 5:00 p.m., April 10, 2020. Applications may be hand-delivered or mailed. If mailed, they must be postmarked on or before April 10, 2020 to be deemed timely. Applications should be delivered/mailed to:

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