

Cover Sheet
Public Questionnaire on Qualifications of
Applicants for Appointment as Magistrate Judge of
the Seventh 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 Seventh Judicial District chambered at BINGHAM 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 for applicants, 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:

H. Alayne Bean
Trial Court Administrator
605 N. Capital Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Your comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2026**, 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.

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Personal or professional experience with applicant upon which comments are based:
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NEWS RELEASE
August 13, 2026
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF
MAGISTRATE JUDGE APPLICANTS

The Seventh Judicial District Magistrates Commission will meet in Bingham County on October 15, 2026, to select a magistrate judge to replace The Honorable Scott H. Hansen who will be retiring effective January 10, 2026. Eight (8) qualified applications were received for the position, according to Alayne Bean, Seventh Judicial District Trial Court Administrator. The qualified applicants are:

JASON CHANDLER – Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Idaho Attorney General, Blackfoot, ID

W. FORREST FISCHER – Attorney, Moulton Law Office, Idaho Falls, ID

LEE J. FISHER – Chief Deputy Prosecutor, Elmore County Prosecutor's Office, Glenns Ferry, ID

LOU G. HARRIS – Chief Deputy Prosecutor, Bonneville County Prosecutor's Office, Rigby, ID

JESSALYN R. HOPKIN – Trial Attorney III, Idaho State Public Defender's Office, Chubbuck, ID

DESIREE MARTIN – Staff Attorney, 7th Judicial District Court, Rexburg, ID

N. PAUL ROGERS – Prosecutor & Private Practice Attorney – Custer County Prosecutor's Office, Bingham County Prosecutor's Office (Civil) & Rogers Law, PLLC, Blackfoot ID

GARRETT H. SANDOW – Attorney, Law Office of Garrett Sandow, Blackfoot, ID

Evaluation questionnaires on the applicants will be sent to attorneys statewide.

Questionnaires for public comment may be obtained from the County Clerk's Office of any District Court in the Seventh Judicial District, the Seventh Judicial District Trial Court Administrator's office – see District Office contact information above, or at the 7th Judicial District website Judicial Vacancies page: <https://isc.idaho.gov/district-7/about/vacancies>.

Public comment evaluation questionnaires should be returned to the Trial Court Administrator's office at the address above no later than **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**