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NEWS RELEASE
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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, 2027. 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.**