

Appendix B

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION HEARING

Nebraska statutes and court rules require Judicial Nominating Commissions to hold a public hearing on each judicial vacancy, and members of the public are entitled to attend the public hearing to express, either orally or in writing, their views concerning any applicant for a judicial vacancy. **Comments (whether oral or written) expressed during the public hearing shall not be confidential communications.**

ORAL COMMENTS: If, during the public hearing, you want to express oral comments concerning the qualifications of any applicant for a judicial vacancy, you must personally attend the hearing. The date, time, and location of the public hearing is stated in the public hearing notice, available here: <https://nebraskajudicial.gov/administration/media-releases>. Oral comments will not be received via videoconference, telephone, or similar technology, even if the public hearing is livestreamed. All those expressing oral comments during the Judicial Nominating Commission will be required to state their full name, and oral comments will be subject to time limits imposed at the chairperson's discretion.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: If you wish to submit written public comments for consideration by the commission in lieu of oral comments, you must do so using the form **linked here**. You will be required to provide your full name. The written public comment must be submitted to the chairperson prior to the deadline set in the public notice, which can be found here: <https://nebraskajudicial.gov/administration/media-releases>.

Written public comments will be available to all Judicial Nominating Commission Members and any referenced applicant. Additionally, the comments may be read and/or discussed during the public hearing and any private interview between the applicant and commission. Written public comments containing profanity or inappropriate content may be redacted or not considered at the discretion of the chairperson.

Anonymous comments are not allowed. Incomplete names may result in the comment not being considered at the discretion of the chairperson.

Written Public Comment Cover Sheet

All fields are required.

Do you intend this comment to be a public comment?

Yes

No*

First Name:

Last Name:

**Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

**Email address:

* Checking “No” only creates a nonpublic document that will be shared with the full commission and potentially the applicant. Please see Neb. Ct. R. § 1-604 regarding what information may be shared with the applicant at the discretion of the chairperson.

**Physical and email address information is used to verify receipt and legitimacy of the sender.

Please mail or email this Cover Sheet and Written Public Comment to the chairperson of the Judicial Nominating Commission prior to the deadline listed in the public notice, which can be found here: <https://nebraskajudicial.gov/administration/media-releases>.

Written Public Comment

Name of Person Submitting Public Comment:

Judicial Nominating Commission for:

Judicial Applicant Name*:

Hearing Date:

*If submitting public comment for more than one applicant, please submit a separate written public comment for each judicial applicant.

Written Public Comment (additional pages may be used):