

Nebraska State Bar Association

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February 9, 2026

Hon. John R. Freudenberg
Nebraska Supreme Court
State Capitol, #2210
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Justice Freudenberg:

On behalf of the NSBA Judicial Resources Committee ("the Committee"), I wish to convey to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission our recommendation regarding the vacancies being taken up by the Judicial Resources Commission at their February 13, 2026, hearing.

After reviewing the Judicial Weighted Caseload Reports ("Judicial Workload Assessment") for FY 2025, the Committee concluded that the State's justice system will not have adequate judicial resources available unless the current vacancies are filled expeditiously. Therefore, the Committee recommends declaring a vacancy:

1. In the District Court, 3rd District with a primary office location in Lancaster County;
2. In the District Court, 4th District with a primary office location in Douglas County;
3. In the County Court, 7th District with the primary office location outside of Madison County, to be determined in consultation with the successful applicant;
4. In the County Court, 9th District with a primary office location in Hall County; and
5. In the County Court, 12th District with a primary office location in Scotts Bluff County.

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations set forth herein. Please include this letter with the materials provided to Judicial Resources Commission members before your February 13th hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Gerrard".

Hon. John M. Gerrard
NSBA President

Cc: Corey Steel
Liz Neeley