

SHANAHAN LAW FIRM, L.L.C.

Dear members of the Judicial Resources Committee,

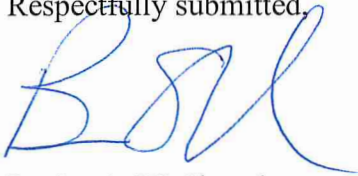
I am writing in regards to the 9th Judicial District vacancy due to Judge Arthur Wetzel's retirement. I am urging you to find that due to the retirement of Judge Wetzel, there is a judicial vacancy that needs to be filled with the primary office location in Hall County, Nebraska.

I have practiced law in Hall County for 7 years, primarily from the position of Hall County Deputy Attorney. It is the norm for our County Court docket to be filled with overwhelming caseloads, so much so that judges from Buffalo County would travel to Hall County to assist with docket management.

As President of the local Hall County Bar Association, I have spoken with multiple attorneys regarding Judge Wetzel's vacancy, and there is a strong consensus that this position should be filled as soon as possible. Leaving this vacancy unfilled risks unnecessary delays, inefficiencies, and strain on the court system of Hall County.

For these reasons, and on behalf of the Hall County Bar Association, I respectfully request that the Judicial Resources Committee take prompt action to fill this vacancy to ensure the continued fair and efficient administration of justice in Hall County.

Respectfully submitted,



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President of Hall County Bar Association