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August 7, 2025

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 in the County Court in the 2nd District due to the appointment of Judge Freeman to the Nebraska Court of Appeals, the County Court in the 3rd Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge Yardley, the vacancy in the District Court due to the retirement of Judge Rettlesdorf, and the vacancy in the County Court in the 7th Judicial District due to the appointment of Judge Long to the District Court.

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 filling:

- 1) The vacancy in the 2nd Judicial District County Court created by the appointment of Judge Freeman to the Nebraska Court of Appeals with the primary office location in Sarpy County;
- 2) The vacancy in the 3rd Judicial District, County Court due to the retirement of Judge Yardley with the primary office location in Lancaster County;
- 3) The vacancy in the 4th Judicial District, District Court created by the retirement of Judge Rettlesdorf with the primary office location in Douglas County; and
- 4) The vacancy in the 7th Judicial District, County Court created by the appointment of Judge Long to the District Court with the primary office location in Madison 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 August 15th meeting.

Sincerely,

Hon. John M. Gerrard
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