

Nebraska State Bar Association

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November 13, 2025

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

Dear Justice Freudenberg:

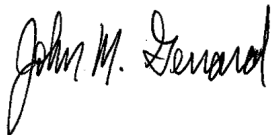
On behalf of the NSBA Judicial Resources Committee ("the Committee"), I wish to convey to the members of the Judicial Resources Commission our recommendation regarding the vacancies in the County Court in the 5th District due to the retirement of Judge Peterson and the vacancy in the District Court in the 7th Judicial District due to the retirement of Judge Kube.

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 5th Judicial District, County Court due to the retirement of Judge Peterson with the primary office location in either Seward or York counties.
- 2) The vacancy in the 7th Judicial District, District Court created by the retirement of Judge Kube with the primary office location to be determined in consultation with the successful applicant.

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 November 21st meeting.

Sincerely,



Hon. John M. Gerrard
NSBA President

Cc: Corey Steel
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