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To: [NominateJudges](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Eric Hummel for District Judge Thirteenth Judicial District
Date: Friday, September 5, 2025 11:41:56 AM

Dear Governor Gianforte:

I am a Montana Attorney who has been actively practicing in Montana for about 50 years. I have known Eric Hummel for about 25 years. He was an excellent attorney and is an excellent Justice of the Peace.

Eric is devoted to applying the existing law, as written, to the facts of a case to reach a neutral conclusion based solely upon the case's law and facts.. He will not let his personal views interfere with his legal analysis or decision in any case. He is able, intellectual, scholarly and well-suited to be a District Judge. He interprets the law in a conservative fashion without stretching the law to support one side or the other of a controversy.

Eric has deep ties with Billings and therefore is a natural for appointment to a judgeship in Yellowstone County.

I sincerely recommend Edric for the currently open position as a District Judge in Yellowstone County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Subject: Letter for Eric Hummel

September 3, 2025

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I have known Eric since he was 10, which is now 45 years. He was verbal and responsive already as a young boy. I have seen him at many stages of his education and career. Since he became a judge 9 years ago, I have watched him sitting on the bench in Kalispell interacting with those coming before him. He is organized and efficient, gives individual attention, listens and respects points of view. He presents legal information in a way that a layman can understand. He is also fluent in Spanish and uses this competence at least once a week in court. In short, he is a master communicator.

Eric's experiences have been varied. For two years during high school on the weekends he worked at McDonalds in Billings. He spent a year in Honduras as an exchange student between his 11th and 12 grades. This experience, and later minoring in Spanish, broadened him and his perspectives to cultural differences. As a former public high school language teacher I know the value of living in a foreign country.

He has been a continuous member of music groups from junior high until today. Now he plays clarinet with the

Flathead Valley Community Band. This creates a balanced life and personality.

It seems easy for Eric to engage people in conversation. He is respectful, has a developed humorous side, likes to hear and tell stories.

I'm always amazed that he goes on long backpacks in Glacier National Park, sometimes alone. It's remarkable.

Besides being an experienced judge who presides with integrity, I see him also as a person with close ties to his community. He has a healthy sphere of interests: he is member of Rotary, the adult band, the Glacier Art Museum governing board, skis, plays golf and pickle ball.

In conclusion, I believe Eric is worthy of an appointment as District Court Judge in Yellowstone County.

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From: [Tyler Urlacher](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Eric Hummel nomination.
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I would like to provide my opinion on the application of the responsible and reasonable Eric Hummel.

I believe he would be a fantastic addition to the 13th Judicial District court and would provide fair and just sentences to the convicted.

He operates with heart, integrity, and a passion for the people of Montana.

Please consider him for this position.

Thank you