THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

MIKE McGRATH CHIEF JUSTICE



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Greg Gianforte Governor, State of Montana Office of the Governor P.O. Box 200801 Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Gianforte:

The 2021 Legislature added a district judge position to the Eighteenth Judicial District and required that the position initially be filled through appointment. The appointee is authorized to begin service on January 3, 2022. Pursuant to Montana law, following notice from the Chief Justice the Governor is required to solicit applications to fill the position. I am asking that you initiate the process as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Mike McGrath Chief Justice

c: Hon. Peter B. Ohman

Hon. Rienne H. McElyea

Hon. John C. Brown

Sandy Erhardt, Clerk of District Court, Gallatin County

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