## 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:

Pursuant to the Senate's adverse action to Hon. Michele Reinhart Levine's confirmation, the position as state district judge, Department A, in the Eighth Judicial District is officially vacant.

As of last week the Department A calendar had 125 cases set for trial between now and August. For that reason, I am asking that you initiate the replacement process as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike McGrath Chief Justice

C: Hon. John A. Kutzman

Hon. Beth Best

Hon. John W. Parker

Tina Henry, Clerk of District Court, Cascade County

Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator