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COVER SHEET

**PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE ON QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR
APPOINTMENT AS FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE**

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 1-2102(3), the Judicial Council is reviewing candidates for appointment to fill the position of Judge for the Fifth Judicial District Judge. The Council requests your assistance in discharging its statutory responsibilities.

In order to assure proper evaluation of your response, please do the following before starting on the questionnaire:

1. Please print your name and address: _____

2. Please sign your name: _____

This cover sheet will be detached from the completed questionnaire by the Judicial Council staff. The confidentiality of your responses will be protected.

Complete this questionnaire only with respect to individuals whom you know sufficiently well, based upon personal contact and/or professional experience, to render a sound and informed opinion. The pattern of responses for each candidate, rather than the quantity of responses, will be the focus of the Judicial Council's review. (If you have additional remarks, write them on the back of the questionnaire. They will be read and discussed.)

The names and occupations of the candidates are attached to the questionnaire itself. Select those on whom you will respond and then complete the questionnaire. When you are finished, please mail the questionnaire and cover sheet to:

RETURN TO: Idaho Judicial Council
P.O. Box 1397
Boise, Idaho 83701

This questionnaire **must be received in the office of the Idaho Judicial Council no later than April 1, 2024**, in order to be considered. Thank you for your assistance.

INFORMATION REGARDING CANDIDATES

ABENROTH, DOUGLAS G., is a Magistrate Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, Rupert, Idaho

CANNON, BLAINE P., is a Magistrate Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, Declo, Idaho

LESSING, ERIKA, is a Prosecuting Attorney for Payette County, Fruitland, Idaho

SMITH, RANDY W., is a Deputy Public Defender for Canyon County, Middleton, Idaho

WERTH, DOUGLAS A., is the Lead Idaho Deputy Attorney General, Boise, Idaho