

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE
POSITION OF DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Judicial Council is now accepting applications for the position of District Judge of the Fifth Judicial District residing and chambered in Blaine County. The Idaho Judicial Council is starting the process of selecting nominees to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Ned C. Williamson, effective March 31, 2027. The salary of a district judge is \$172,508.00. (Comprehensive information about the benefits afforded district judges is available by clicking [here](#).) The judge shall hear cases in Blaine County as well as when necessary in other counties within the Fifth Judicial District to which he or she may be assigned.

Under Idaho Code § 34-616 (5), to be appointed to the office of district judge, a person must, at the time of appointment meet all the following qualifications:

- (a) Be at least thirty (30) years of age;
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States and an elector in the state of Idaho;
- (c) Have been a legal resident of the state of Idaho for at least two (2) continuous years immediately preceding such appointment;
- (d) Have been in good standing as an active or judicial member of the Idaho state bar for at least two (2) continuous years immediately preceding such appointment; and
- (e) Have held a license to practice law or held a judicial office in one (1) or more jurisdictions for at least ten (10) continuous years immediately preceding such appointment.

In addition, as described in Idaho Code 1-809, district judges shall actually reside at the place designated as resident chambers.

Application forms are available on the Judicial Council website at www.judicialcouncil.idaho.gov. You **must** use the revised **1/15/2024** application form. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M., OCTOBER 23, 2026.** Applications should be submitted to:

Idaho Judicial Council
P.O. Box 1397
Boise, Idaho 83701
Telephone: (208) 334-5213

For hand delivery or via Federal Express please contact the Judicial Council Office at the phone number above for directions.

Immediately following receipt of the applications, the Judicial Council will circulate a questionnaire to the Bar via e-mail and to the general public concerning the qualifications of the applicants and will notify each applicant of the time and date for personal interviews. The Council is currently planning to meet in December, 2026, in Hailey, Idaho for interviews and selection of the nominees.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP

A Judicial Recruitment Workshop will be held **October 15, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. MST** via Zoom and also in person. This workshop will provide information to attorneys about what it is like to be on the bench, the selection process, the opportunities available, and benefits of judicial service. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to d5courtadmin@idcourts.gov and you will be e-mailed a Zoom link or given the location of the workshop for in person attendance.