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COVER SHEET

PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE ON QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT AS THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE – CANYON COUNTY

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 1-2102(3), the Judicial Council is reviewing candidates for appointment to fill the position of Judge for the Third Judicial District Judge in Canyon County. 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:_____
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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: Executive Director
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 October 16, 2026**, in order to be considered. Thank you for your assistance.

PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: For each candidate on whom you wish to comment, please state briefly: (a) in what connection you know the candidate, and (b) information you believe the Judicial Council should have about the candidate's qualifications. The areas most important to the Council are each candidate's integrity and moral courage, legal ability, legal experience, intelligence and wisdom, capacity to be fair-minded and deliberate, industriousness and promptness in performing duties, compatibility of personal habits and outside activities with judicial office, and capacity to be courteous and considerate on the bench. Please continue on the back of this page if you need more space.

LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE ON WHOM YOU ARE COMMENTING	CONNECTION IN WHICH CANDIDATES IS KNOWN	INFORMATION ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS
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CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT FOR THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

CANYON COUNTY

FERNEY, R. GREGORY, is an Idaho State Public Defender in Canyon County, Boise, Idaho

SCHELSTRATE, MATTHEW B., is a Magistrate Judge of the Third Judicial District, Nampa, Idaho

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