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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES

DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PARK COUNTY (CODY) VACANCY

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice E. James Burke, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today that Fifth Judicial District Court Judge Steven Cranfill will be retiring from the court, effective July 31, 2017.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through May 3, 2017. Copies of the expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us/Administration/Careers>. The completed form **must be received** in the office of the Chief Justice no later than 5:00 p.m., on May 3, 2017.

Governor Matthew H. Mead will appoint the District Court Judge from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Burke, three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: P. Craig Silva of Casper, Richard H. Honaker of Rock Springs, and Professor John M. Burman of Laramie; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Lori A. Emmert of Douglas, Teri Bowers of Grover, and Rosie Berger of Big Horn.

TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, ONE MUST BE LEARNED IN THE LAW, AT LEAST TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE, A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A RESIDENT OF WYOMING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.