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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES WYOMING SUPREME COURT VACANCY

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as Chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, announced today a vacancy for a Justice in the Wyoming Supreme Court. The judicial vacancy will occur as a result of the retirement of Justice Keith G. Kautz effective March 26, 2024. The position will be filled March 27, 2024.

The Judicial Nominating Commission will accept expressions of interest from qualified persons to fill the vacancy through Monday, November 20, 2023. 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 Chief Justice Fox no later than **5:00 p.m., on Monday, November 20, 2023**. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the Commission will not consider them, but will instead only review documents specifically required by the expression of interest.

Governor Gordon will appoint the Wyoming Supreme Court Justice from a list of three names submitted to him by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission are Chief Justice Fox (Chairman), three lawyers elected by the Wyoming State Bar: Katherine Strike of Lander, Devon O'Connell of Laramie, and Mandy Good of Cheyenne; and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor: Paul Scherbel of Afton, Dan Kirkbride of Chugwater, and Lisa Anderson of Shell.

The salary for the Wyoming Supreme Court Justice position will be \$187,250.00 per year, with State insurance benefits, Wyoming Retirement 457 plan <https://retirement.wyo.gov/en/DC>, and a generous judicial pension. Wyo. Stat. § 9-3-701 et seq.

TO SERVE AS A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, ONE MUST BE LEARNED IN THE LAW, HAVE BEEN IN THE ACTUAL PRACTICE OF LAW AND/OR A JUDGE OF A COURT OF RECORD FOR NINE YEARS, BE AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, AND HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF WYOMING FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.