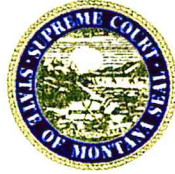


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Hon. Richard Simonton, Chairman
Judicial Nomination Commission
P.O. Box 1249
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Dear Judge Simonton:

The Honorable Russell C. Fagg has given notice of his intention to retire from his position of state district judge in the Thirteenth Judicial District effective October 13, 2017. Pursuant to Montana law, the Judicial Nomination Commission is required to solicit applications to fill the vacancy and submit a list of nominees to the governor. I am asking that you initiate the process as soon as possible. Attached is an appointment schedule for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike McGrath".

Mike McGrath
Chief Justice

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