

CERTIFICATE

The Judicial Nomination Commission of the State of Montana hereby certifies to the Honorable Steve Bullock, Governor of the State of Montana that it has agreed and approved the qualifications of the following lawyers for appointment as District Court Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District.

All of these we now certify are qualified for appointment under the laws of the State of Montana. We hereby certify the same to you, as required by law, and list them in alphabetical order:

Martin David Lambert
Rienne Hartman McElyea
James Donald McKenna

REPORT

Pursuant to Section 3-1-1010, MCA, the Judicial Nomination Commission provides the following report:

Seven members of the Judicial Nomination Commission participated in the applicant interviews and deliberations. (Six members participated in person, and one participated via videoconferencing.) The applications of and public comments regarding the above-listed nominees are attached to this certificate and also may be reviewed at: <http://www.courts.mt.gov>.

Martin David Lambert received six affirmative votes to recommend his appointment. The Commission's reasons for recommending this nominee are that Mr. Lambert:

1. meets the minimum qualifications for the position of district court judge;
2. appears to be electable to the position within the judicial district;
3. has a depth and breadth of legal experience;
4. demonstrates judicial temperament; and
5. has significant support within the community for serving in the position of district court judge.

Rienne Hartman McElyea received seven affirmative votes to recommend her appointment. The Commission's reasons for recommending this nominee are that Ms. McElyea:

1. meets the minimum qualifications for the position of district court judge;
2. appears to be electable to the position within the judicial district;
3. has a depth and breadth of legal experience;
4. demonstrates judicial temperament; and
5. has significant support within the community for serving in the position of district court judge.

James Donald McKenna received seven affirmative votes to recommend his appointment. The Commission's reasons for recommending this nominee are that Mr. McKenna:

1. meets the minimum qualifications for the position of district court judge;
2. appears to be electable to the position within the judicial district;
3. has a depth and breadth of legal experience;
4. demonstrates judicial temperament; and
5. has significant support within the community for serving in the position of district court judge.

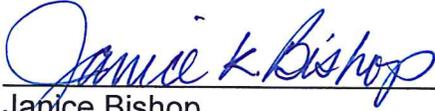
Done at Bozeman, Montana on the 14th day of November, 2016.



Hon. Richard Simonton, Chairman



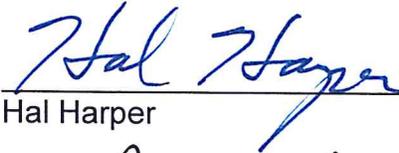
Elizabeth Halverson, Secretary



Janice Bishop



Karl Englund*



Hal Harper



Lane Larson



Nancy Zadick

*Mr. Englund participated via videoconferencing.