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**JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION SUBMITS NAMES TO GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT TO 18thJUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP**

The Judicial Nomination Commission has submitted the following names to the Governor for consideration for appointment to the upcoming vacant judicial seat in the 18th Judicial District (Gallatin County):

* Audrey Schultz Cromwell
* Eric Norman Kitzmiller
* Peter Bengt Ohman

The Commission’s action follows the close of a 30-day public comment period. Before recommending the nominees to the Governor, Commission members interviewed the applicants. The person appointed by the Governor is subject to Senate confirmation during the 2021 legislative session. The position is subject to election in 2022, and the successful candidate will serve for the remainder of Judge Holly Brown’s term, which expires in January 2025.

Judicial Nomination Commission members are District Judge John C. Brown of Bozeman; Janice Bishop of Missoula; Karl Englund of Missoula; Elizabeth Halverson of Billings; Hal Harper of Helena; Lane Larson of Billings; and Nancy Zadick of Great Falls.

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