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**JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION NOMINATES STEPHEN R. BROWN FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE WATER JUDGE POSITION**

The Judicial Nomination Commission has nominated Stephen R. Brown to Chief Justice Mike McGrath for consideration for reappointment as associate water judge for the Montana Water Court. The Water Court, located in Bozeman, has exclusive jurisdiction over the adjudication of water rights claims in Montana.

If reappointed by Chief Justice McGrath, Mr. Brown will be subject to Senate confirmation during the 2021 legislative session. He will serve a four-year term if confirmed.

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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