

# MONTANA SUPREME COURT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Subject: Call for Applications for Associate Water Court Judge

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The Judicial Branch will begin accepting application today through December 9, 2024, for the Associate Water Court Judge. Current Associate Water Court Judge Steve Brown has been appointed to the Chief Water Court Judge and his position is now vacant. The position is appointed by the Chief Justice for the duration of the current term expiring on June 30, 2028.

Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume by December 9, 2024, at 5 p.m. to [rbird@mt.gov](mailto:rbird@mt.gov). Applications must be submitted electronically. In order to be considered an applicant must be a citizen of the United States who has resided in the state two years immediately before taking office and admitted to the practice of law in Montana for at least five years prior to the date of appointment.

Public comment will begin December 10, 2024. Applicants must receive a minimum of three support letters in order to be forwarded for consideration.

The Water Court was created by the 1979 Montana Legislature. It has exclusive jurisdiction over the adjudication of all water-rights claims in Montana. More than 200,000 water rights claims will eventually be adjudicated through the Water Court.

The person appointed to the position is subject to Senate confirmation in 2025.