

THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

MIKE McGRATH
CHIEF JUSTICE



JUSTICE BUILDING
215 NORTH SANDERS
PO BOX 203001
HELENA, MONTANA 59620-3001
TELEPHONE (406) 444-5490
FAX (406) 444-3274

March 7, 2022

Greg Gianforte
Governor, State of Montana
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Gianforte:

The Honorable James A. Manley has given notice of his intention to retire from his position of state district judge in the Twentieth Judicial District, effective June 1, 2022. Pursuant to Montana law, following notice from the Chief Justice the Governor is required to solicit applications to fill the position. I am asking that you initiate the process as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Mike McGrath
Chief Justice

c: Hon. James A. Manley
Hon. Deborah Kim Christopher
Lyn Fricker, Clerk of District Court, Lake County
Candace Fisher, Clerk of District Court, Sanders County
Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator