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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Third Judicial District Administrative District Judge George A. Southworth announced today that twenty-seven persons applied to fill a magistrate judge vacancy in Canyon County created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Jerold W. Lee and two newly created positions:

Ruth A. Coose, Boise, Idaho; Dallin J. Creswell, Nampa, Idaho; R. Thomas Curl, Eagle, Idaho; Scott J. Davis, Caldwell, Idaho; Michael D. Dean, Boise, Idaho; Raymond G. DeFord, Jr., Nampa, Idaho; Shari A. Dodge, Nampa, Idaho; Ryan K. Dowell, Meridian, Idaho; Kathy J. Edwards, Nampa, Idaho; Mary F. Gigray, Nampa, Idaho; Randall S. Grove, Nampa, Idaho; Rachel M. Hamilton, Mountain Home, Idaho; Hyrum T. Hibbert, Caldwell, Idaho; M. Scott Keim, Meridian, Idaho; Gabriel J. McCarthy, Boise, Idaho; Kerry E. Michaelson, Nampa, Idaho; Jeffrey L. Phillips, Homedale, Idaho; Tyler J. Rands, Twin Falls, Idaho; Matthew B. Schelstrate, Boise, Idaho; Kurt H. Schwab, Rathdrum, Idaho; Lary G. Sisson, Middleton, Idaho; Randy W. Smith, Middleton, Idaho; Matthew K. Steen, III, Meridian, Idaho; Matthew R. Thompson, Nampa, Idaho; Eric E. Wannamaker, Moscow, Idaho; Douglas A. Werth, Boise, Idaho; and Teri A. Whilden, Nampa, Idaho.

Evaluation questionnaires on the applicants will be sent to attorneys throughout the State of Idaho. Public comment on the applicants is also solicited. Forms for making comments will be available starting May 21, 2021 at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator for the Third Judicial District, Canyon County Courthouse, 1115 Albany Street, Room 336, Caldwell, Idaho 83605, or by sending an email request to [thill@canyonco.org](mailto:thill@canyonco.org).

Comments must be returned to the Office of the Trial Court Administrator no later than June 10, 2021.