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**FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**STATE OF IDAHO**

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March 13, 2020

**Public Questionnaire on Qualifications of**

**Applicants for Appointment as Magistrate Judge of   
the Fourth Judicial District**

**Pursuant to Idaho Code §1-2205 (b), the Magistrates Commission is reviewing applicants for appointment to fill the position of Magistrate Judge of the Fourth Judicial District chambered at Elmore County. The Commission requests your assistance in discharging its statutory responsibilities.**

In order to assure proper evaluation of your response, please do the following before starting on the questionnaire:

1. Please print your name and address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please sign your name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This cover sheet will be detached from the completed questionnaire. The confidentiality of your responses will be protected.

Complete this questionnaire only with respect to individuals whom you know sufficiently well, based upon personal contact and/or professional experiences, to render a sound and informed opinion. The pattern of responses for each applicant, rather than the quantity of responses, will be the focus of the Magistrates Commission’s review. (If you have additional remarks, write them on the back of the questionnaire. They will be read and discussed.)

The names and occupations of the applicants are attached to the questionnaire itself. Select those on whom you will respond and then complete the questionnaire. When you are finished, please mail the questionnaire and cover sheet to:

Sandra Barrios

Trial Court Administrator

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200 W. Front Street

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E-mail: [tca@adacounty.id.gov](mailto:TCA@adacounty.id.gov)

Your comments must be received no later than **April 2, 2020**, in order to be considered. Thank you for your assistance.

**APPLICANT JOB TITLE CURRENT RESIDENCE**

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| BLOUNT, Ralph Reed | Deputy Prosecutor, Elmore County Prosecutor's Office | Boise, Idaho |
| FERGUSON, Brent Alan | Deputy Prosecutor, Ada County Prosecutor's Office | Meridian, Idaho |
| FISHER, Lee James | Deputy Prosecutor, Elmore County Prosecutor's Office | Glenns Ferry, Idaho |
| HAMILTON, Rachel M. | Attorney, Hamilton Law Office | Mountain Home, Idaho |
| SHACKLEFORD, John Richard | Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Attorney General's Office | Hidden Springs, Idaho |

**Public Questionnaire**

**Instructions:**

For each applicant on whom you wish to comment, please state briefly: (a) in what connection you know the applicant, and (b) information you believe the District Magistrates Commission should have about the applicant’s qualifications. The area(s) most important to the Commission are each applicant’s integrity and moral courage, legal ability, legal experience, intelligence and wisdom, capacity to be fair-minded and deliberate, industriousness and promptness in performing duties, compatibility of personal habits and outside activities with judicial office, and capacity to be courteous and considerate on the bench. Please make additional copies of this page if you wish to comment on more applicants.

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