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### JUSTICE COURT VACANCY ANNOUNCED FOR WASHINGTON CITY

**Washington City, Utah**—Applications are being accepted for a justice court judge position that will serve Washington City, Utah. The position will replace Judge Jake Graff who will resign in June.

To be considered for a justice court judgeship in Washington County, candidates must be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a Utah resident for at least three years, and have a degree from a law school that would make one eligible to apply for admission to a bar in any state in the United States. In addition, applicants must be a resident of Washington County, an adjacent county, or the judicial district in which the justice court is located either upon appointment or within a reasonable time following appointment.

Information on judicial retention and performance evaluation is posted on the Utah State Court's website at [www.utcourts.gov](http://www.utcourts.gov) under employment opportunities. An application for judicial office form must be completed and is available on the court's website ([www.utcourts.gov/admin/jobs](http://www.utcourts.gov/admin/jobs)). The salary range for the position is \$71,865 to \$92,398 per year. For additional information about working for Washington City, email Jeremy Redd at [citymanager@washingtontcity.org](mailto:citymanager@washingtontcity.org) or call him at (435) 656-6313.

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. and should be sent to the attention of Jim Peters, Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. For questions about the justice courts or the process for filling this position, email Jim Peters, Justice Court Administrator, at [jamesp@utcourts.gov](mailto:jamesp@utcourts.gov).

Utah law requires the Judicial Nominating Commission to submit three to five nominees to the mayor of Washington City, Kress Staheli, within 45 days of its first meeting. Mayor Staheli will then have 30 days in which to select a finalist. His selection must then be ratified by the Washington City Council and certified by the Utah Judicial Council.