



Statement of Organization **RECEIVED** Judicial Candidate Committee

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SDCL 12-27-6

DEADLINE TO FILE: The Treasurer for a political committee shall file a statement of organization not later than 15 days after the date upon which the committee made contributions, received contributions, or paid expenses in excess of \$500.00. A candidate shall file a statement of organization for a candidate campaign committee not later than 15 days after becoming a candidate (SDCL 12-27-3; 12-27-23). The treasurer of a political committee shall file an updated statement of organization not later than fifteen days after ANY change in the information contained on this statement.

FILE WITH: The Secretary of State's Office – 500 East Capitol Avenue, Ste.204, Pierre, SD 57501

Committee Type

Judicial Candidate Committee

Committee Information - (ALL fields required unless indicated otherwise, please print):
only ONE candidate campaign committee may be organized for each candidate (SDCL 12-27-1 (3))

Candidate Name and Office Sought Richard A. Sommers 5th Circuit Court Judge Position "D"
Full Name of Committee Sommers for Circuit Judge
Telephone Number (605) 380-6513
Mailing Address 411 West Palmer Circle City Aberdeen State SD Zip 57401
Street Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Committee website address (optional) _____

Chair (Candidate may serve as Chair of their Committee)

Chair First and Last Name Richard A. Sommers
Telephone Number (605) 380-6513 Email Address rsommers7@abc.midco.net
Mailing Address 411 West Palmer Circle City Aberdeen State SD Zip 57401
Street Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check this box if **Chair is also serving as Treasurer**. If the same, you are not required to fill out Treasurer fields below. *The Treasurer is responsible for filing all campaign finance reports and forms.

Treasurer First and Last Name _____
Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Street Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
The Judicial Candidates Committee was organized on February 18, 2022, to assist the public in the selection of judges to the South Dakota Judicial Branch. The committee is composed of members from the public and representatives from the South Dakota Bar Association and the South Dakota Judicial Branch.

The committee's primary purpose is to provide information to the public regarding the qualifications and backgrounds of candidates for judicial office. The committee will also provide information regarding the process of judicial selection and the role of the public in the process.

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Political Action or Ballot Question Committees (required): You must include a concise statement of the committee's purpose and goals. You must also list the full name, street address and mailing address of the entity with which the committee is connected or affiliated. If the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one entity, provide the trade, profession, or primary interest of the committee.

Statement of Purpose or Goals (required) _____

Name of Affiliated Entity _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Street Address (if different than above) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Trade, Profession, or Primary Interest of Committee _____

If you are a **Ballot Question Committee**, explain, in detail, the measure(s) and/or issue(s) the committee is involved with and whether the committee support(s) or oppose(s) them.

Verification below must be SIGNED BEFORE SUBMITTING this Statement

No person may execute this report knowing it is false in any material respect. Any violation may be subject to a civil and/or criminal penalty. Any person who, with intent to defraud, falsely makes, completes, or alters a written instrument of any kind, or passes any forged instrument of any kind is guilty of forgery. Forgery is a Class 5 felony (SDCL 22-39-36). I also understand that failure to timely file any statement, amendment, or correction required subjects the Treasurer, who is responsible for filings under SDCL 12-27, to a civil penalty up to \$1,000.00 for each violation (SDCL 12-27-40).

Treasurer information

(Printed Name) Richard A. Sommers

(Signature) *Richard A. Sommers*

(Date mm/dd/yyyy) 02/16/2022

(Candidate or Chair (if not a candidate committee))

(Printed Name) Richard A. Sommers

(Signature) *Richard A. Sommers*

(Date mm/dd/yyyy) 02/16/2022

Return completed form to:
Secretary of State's Office
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Email: cfr@state.sd.us • Fax: 605-773-6580

