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**Utah Senate Requests Public Comment on Judicial Nominee**

**SALT LAKE CITY** – The Utah Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee is seeking public comment on attorney Margaret Plane who was appointed by Governor Gary Herbert as a judge for the Utah Court of Appeals.

Those who desire to comment should contact Utah Senate Judicial Confirmation committee staff, Jerry Howe at the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at the Utah State Capitol, House Building, Suite W210, PO Box 145210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5210. All statements should include the respondent’s name, telephone number and mailing address.

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee plans to hold a public hearing, then issue a recommendation to the full Senate. If confirmed by the Senate, Plane will fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Mary Kate Appleby on January 1, 2021.

The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals is complementary to that of the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals hears all appeals from the Juvenile and District Courts, except small claims from the department of a District Court.

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