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Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Robert M. Russel to resign

The Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission invites qualified attorneys to apply for a vacancy on the Colorado Court of Appeals that will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Robert M. Russel, effective Nov. 3, 2012. The Commission will meet on Sept. 24-25, 2012, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Court of Appeals.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for a court of appeals judge is \$134,128. The initial term of office of a Court of Appeals judge is a provisional term of two years and then until the second Tuesday in January following the next general election; thereafter, the incumbent judge, if retained by the voters, has a term of eight years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex-officio chair of the Nominating Commission, Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the District Administrator of any of the 22 judicial districts. Applications also are available at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>.

One original, signed application form, along with an identical copy of the application stored as a PDF file (please see the attached instructions for further details) must be received by

the ex-officio chair by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. Late applications will not be considered.

Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex-officio chair, no later than Aug. 21, 2012.

Applications will be kept confidential, except that the nominating commission shall disclose the names, work addresses, and work telephone numbers of the three nominees submitted to the governor.

The members of the nominating commission for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Richard Holme and Sr. Alicia Cuarón, 1st Congressional District; Lamar Sims and Ann Hendrickson; 2nd Congressional District; Mary Stengel, 3rd Congressional District; Scott Johnson and Ira Paulin, 4th Congressional District; Richard Celeste and Eric von Levern Hall, 5th Congressional District; April Jones and Bruce Alexander, 6th Congressional District; Charles Tingle and Olivia Mendoza, 7th Congressional District and Dorothy Decker, at large.

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This commission currently has one attorney vacancy in the Third Congressional District.

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO APPELLATE COURT JUDGESHIP
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. You should only use the application that says it was updated 04/09. Do not use a prior version of the application. Please be complete and thorough in answering the questions; and, if an answer to any question requires more space than provided, attach a separate sheet of paper for each question.
2. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
3. You must submit one original signed application along with an identical copy of your application electronically as a PDF file (preferably in text searchable format) on a CD or flash drive (these will not be returned). If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, statement, writing sample, reference letters) these documents should be combined into one single PDF document. Please use plain white 20# paper for your original document.
4. You may submit letters of reference from up to **five** individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. We only need the original reference letter. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. If you include them with your application materials, we need the original and it should also be included in your electronic application as well. If sent separately, it is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted (in paper only) to the Ex Officio Chair by the filing deadline as letters received late may not receive consideration by the Commission.
5. Your application must include a writing sample.
6. Your application should be filed with the original electronic copy at the following address:

Supreme Court Nominating Commission
Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, Ex Officio Chair
Colorado Supreme Court
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800
Denver, Colorado 80202

We do not accept emails of any application materials.

7. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2012.**
8. If you use USPS Express Mail overnight service, please allow an extra day for delivery.
9. Call Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 303-837-3753.