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Judge R. Brooke Jackson resigning from 1st Judicial District bench *Commission sets date to select nominees*

GOLDEN, Colo. – The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011, at the Jefferson County Combined Court, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties). The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Honorable R. Brooke Jackson. The vacancy will occur on Sept. 2, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the First Judicial District and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for this position is \$128,598. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of six years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Allison H. Eid, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Jaclyn Senese, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401.

Applications also are available on the court's home page at

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

The original and seven copies of the application must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2011. 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 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

The members of the nominating commission for the First Judicial District are: Lesleigh Monahan, Michelle Stermer and Betsy Anderson of Lakewood; Scott Browning of Evergreen; Penni Van Horn of Littleton; Scott Hutchings of Golden; and Franz Frechette of Black Hawk.

Editor's Note: Contact information for the nominating commission members.

- Lesleigh Monahan, 500 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80226
- Scott Browning, 1200 17th St., Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80202
- Betsy Anderson, 6420 W. 3rd Place, Lakewood, CO 80226
- Michelle Stermer, 1800 Larimer St., Suite 1600, Denver, CO 80202
- Scott Hutchings, 245 S. Flora Way, Golden, CO 80401
- Penni Van Horn, 9491 S. Johnson Ct., Littleton, CO 80127
- Franz Frechette, 595 Canyon Blvd., Boulder, CO 80302

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

Instructions For First Judicial District Applicants

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/exec/media/vacancy.htm>. 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. Answers should be typed or printed in black ink.
3. Each completed original and all copies of the application should be stapled ONCE in the upper left-hand corner. They should NOT be bound in any way, should NOT be in notebooks, should NOT have covers attached, and should NOT have sections of the application tabbed in any way.
4. While it is preferred that you submit your application on this standard form, you may choose to reproduce this form on a computer. If you do so, however, please ensure that the top and left margins are 1" and that the size of type is no smaller than 11 pt.
5. Applicants for county court judgeships who are not attorneys may modify the form as needed by inserting the words "not applicable" where appropriate.
6. You must submit the names of not less than three nor more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. All such letters shall be sent directly to the First Judicial District Nominating Commission, c/o Justice Allison H. Eid, Ex-Officio Chair, at the address shown below. You are instructed to tell your references not to send the original or a copy to you. A request for reference form is attached and must be used for each reference requested. In order to assure consideration of the letters of reference, they must be received on or before August 26, 2011.

Please Note: Reference letters must be resubmitted every time you apply for a judicial vacancy. Reference letters from previous applications are not available for reuse.

7. You must sign and submit with your application 1 original signed copy of the form attached to this sheet granting permission to the nominating commission to release your name to the public if you are selected for interview.
8. You must file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
9. Your application should be filed at the following address:

First Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Allison H. Eid, Ex Officio Chair
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800

Denver, CO 80202-5315

10. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2011.
11. This commission has a rule that states the “Commission may make the names of interviewees public with the express permission of the interviewee”. Please sign and return with your application the form below if you wish to grant such permission.

If I am granted an interview, I give the First Judicial District Nominating Commission my permission to release my name to the public.

Dated: _____

Signature of Applicant:

Name _____

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION

Applicant should send a copy of this instruction to each of his or her requested references.

REQUESTED REFERENCE ON BEHALF OF _____.
(Name of Applicant)

The above individual is applying for an existing vacancy on the First Judicial District Court bench. The applicant is requesting that you write a letter of reference. It is not inappropriate for you to decline to do so. In writing such a letter, the Judicial Nominating Commission requests that you specifically address both the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant under separate headings. If you believe the applicant has no weaknesses relative to his or her capabilities to be a District Court judge, you may so state. Finally, please rate the applicant, i.e., outstanding, excellent, above average, average, below average, or poor. All letters of reference are strictly confidential. **A copy may not be sent to the applicant. The original and eight (8) copies must be sent directly to:**

Justice Allison H. Eid
Ex Officio Chair, First Judicial District Nominating Commission
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202-5315

Please be sure the reference letters are received by 4 p.m., August 26, 2011.

It is extremely important to the Commission that you be as objective as possible in assessing the applicant's qualifications. We rely very heavily on letters of reference and unless you are totally objective in your comments, the Commission cannot properly carry out its function. Do not feel compelled to endorse the applicant merely because you have been asked to write a letter of reference on his or her behalf.

Sincerely,

First Judicial District Nominating Commission