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## **Second Judicial District announces District Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Second Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet June 15, 2012, at the Denver City and County Building, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Second Judicial District (Denver County). The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Honorable Christina M. Habas. The vacancy will occur July 13, 2012.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Second Judicial District and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current 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 Gregory J. Hobbs Jr., 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Kelly Boe, 1437 Bannock St., Room 256, Denver, CO 80202. Applications also are available on the court's home page at

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

The original, signed application and an identical copy stored electronically as a PDF (please see the attached instructions for further details) must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than June 1, 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 May 24, 2012.

The members of the nominating commission for the Second Judicial District are: Trey Rogers, Jim Garcia, Ingrid Barrier, Kelly Nordini and John Rodman, all of Denver.

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

- Trey Rogers, 1200 17<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80207
- Jim Garcia, 2791 S. Roslyn St., Denver, CO 80231
- Ingrid Barrier, 1525 Sherman St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, CO 80203
- Kelly Nordini, 1536 Wynkoop St., Suite 510, Denver, CO 80202
- John Rodman, 131 Madison St., Denver, CO 80206

This commission currently has two non-attorney vacancies which may be filled before the commission meeting.

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NEW**

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) these documents should be combined into one single PDF 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. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. All such letters shall be sent directly to the Second Judicial District Nominating Commission, c/o Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Ex Officio Chair, at the address listed 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 June 1, 2012.
5. Your application should be filed with the original electronic copy at the following address:

Second Judicial District Nominating Commission  
Justice Gregory J. Hobbs , Ex Officio Chair  
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800  
Denver, Colorado 80202

**We do not accept emails of *any* application materials.**

6. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on June 1, 2012.**
7. If you use USPS Express Mail overnight service, please allow an extra day for delivery.
8. Call Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 303-837-3753.

SECOND 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 Second 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 letter* must be received no later than Friday, June 1, 2012 and must be sent directly to:**

Justice Gregory J. Hobbs  
Second Judicial District Nominating Commission  
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800  
Denver, CO 80202-5315

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,

Second Judicial District Nominating Commission

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