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New District Court Judgeship Created in the Sixth Judicial District *Commission to select nominees on Tuesday, June 12, 2012*

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the La Plata County Courthouse (1060 E. 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301) on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Sixth Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties). The new district court judgeship was created pursuant to House Bill 12-1073 and is effective July 1, 2012.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, an applicant must be a qualified elector of the Sixth 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 retained 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, Eric Hogue, 1060 E. 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO 81301. Applications are also 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 4 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 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 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

The rules of procedure for the Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission require that the names of all applicants be made public when the application period is closed. Public comment on the qualifications of the applicants will be invited at that time. The nominating commission shall disclose the names, work addresses, and work telephone numbers of the final nominees submitted to the Governor.

The members of the nominating commission for the Sixth Judicial District are: Deborah Schulte of Pagosa Springs; Kohler McInnis, Robert Oswald, William Zimsky, Gary Lindsay, and Thomas Shipps, all of Durango. This commission currently has one vacancy that may be filled by a non-attorney who resides in San Juan County.

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

- Thomas Shipps P.O. Box 2717, Durango, Co 81302
- Kohler McInnis, 343 Lower Road, Durango, CO 81303
- William Zimsky, 1099 Main Ave., Suite 315, Durango, CO 81301
- Robert Oswald, c/o 691 County Road 233, Room A2, Durango, CO 81301
- Deborah Schulte, P.O. Box 865, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
- Gary Lindsay, 835 E. 2nd Ave., Suite 444, Durango, CO 81301

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, reference letters) 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. 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 should be filed with the original electronic copy at the following address:

Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Allison H. Eid, 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 May 24, 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.