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New District Court Judgeship Created in the Seventh Judicial District *Commission to select nominees on June 27, 2011*

The Seventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Montrose County Justice Center on Monday, June 27, 2011, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Seventh Judicial District (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel counties). The new district court judgeship was created pursuant to Senate Bill 11-028 and is effective July 1, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, an applicant must be a qualified elector of the Seventh 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 Nathan B. Coats, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Edward Clayton, Montrose County Justice Center, 1200 N. Grand Ave., Bin A, Montrose, CO 81401. 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. Wednesday, June 15, 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, June 3, 2011.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventh Judicial District are: Tina McGuinness and Pamela Montgomery of Gunnison, Kevin Geiger of Telluride, Rebecca Vickers of Lake City, Stephen Mathis of Montrose, William Raley of Delta and Lincoln Anderson of Ridgway.

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

- Tina McGuinness, 101 North 8th St., Gunnison, CO 81230
- Stephen Mathis, P.O. Box 1487, Montrose, CO 81401
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- Rebecca Vickers, P.O. Box 625, Lake City, CO 81224
- Lincoln Anderson, P. O. Box 87, Ridgway, CO 81432
- Kevin Geiger, P.O. Box 3432, Telluride, CO 81435
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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

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. 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 12 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. If you desire, you may request that letters of reference be submitted from up to five individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. It is **your responsibility** to ensure that all letters of reference (with sufficient copies) are submitted to the Ex Officio Chair by the filing deadline. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. Letters received late may not receive consideration by the Commission.

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. If you are applying for an appellate judgeship, you need to file an original and fifteen (15) copies of your application. If you are applying for a district or county court judgeship, you need to file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
8. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Seventh Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Nathan B. Coats, Ex Officio Chair
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800
Denver, Colorado 80202
9. Your application must be filed no later than: **(4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2011).**