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Judge Diana Barber retiring from Montrose County bench *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Seventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet May 23, 2012, at the Montrose County Justice Center (1200 N. Grand Ave., Montrose, CO 81401), to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of associate county judge for Montrose County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Diana Barber. The vacancy will occur on April 30, 2012.

Pursuant to House Bill 12-1323, the qualifications for the Associate Montrose County Court have changed to require the judge to maintain his or her official residence in Montrose County (a class B county) and keep chambers in the portion of Montrose County included in the southwestern water conservation district. The chambers are currently in Nucla. The applicant must also be admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The position remains a 20% position with an annual salary of \$24,613. Applications are due by 4 p.m. May 4, 2012.

The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if retained by the voters, has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; the office of the district administrator, Edward J. Clayton, III, Montrose County Justice Center (1200 N.

Grand Ave., Montrose, CO 81401); and at the Montrose County Courthouse Annex (300 Main Street, Nucla, CO 81424). 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 attached instructions for further details) must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, 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, April 25, 2012.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventh Judicial District are: Tina McGuinness and Pamela Montgomery, Gunnison; Kevin Geiger, Telluride; Rebecca Vickers, Lake City; Stephen Mathis, Montrose; William Raley, Delta; and Andrew Mueller, 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
- William Raley, 935 Pioneer Road, Delta, CO 81416
- Rebecca Vickers, P.O. Box 625, Lake City, CO 81224
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- Kevin Geiger, P.O. Box 3432, Telluride, CO 81435
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APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP
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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:

Seventh 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 May 4, 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.