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## **Judge Ernest J. Ruybalid retiring from Pueblo County Court** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Tenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Pueblo County Courthouse (320 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Pueblo, CO 81003) on Jan. 20, 2012, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Pueblo County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Ernest J. Ruybalid. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 31, 2012.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Pueblo County and must be admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$123,067. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved 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 Nathan B. Coats, 101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800, Denver, Colo. 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Bobbi Griffin, Pueblo County Courthouse, 320 West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo, CO 81003. 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., Jan. 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., Dec. 27, 2011.

The members of the nominating commission for the Tenth Judicial District are: Randall Jorgensen, David Abeyta, James Croshal and Patrick Garcia, all of Pueblo, and Lois Michaud of Pueblo West.

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

- Randall Jorgensen, 701 N. Grand Ave., Pueblo, CO 81003
- Lois Michaud, P.O. Box 6926, Pueblo, CO 81007
- David Abeyta, 4 Donnington St., Pueblo, CO 81005
- James Croshal, 201 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Pueblo, CO 81003
- Patrick Garcia, 215 W. Second St., Pueblo, CO 81003

This commission will have two vacancies effective Dec. 31, 2011, for non-attorneys. The vacancies may be filled prior to the meeting.

**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 and it is preferable that you use plain white paper. Do not use a font smaller than 12 pt. or margins smaller than 1”.
3. Each completed original and all copies of the application may be stapled ONCE in the upper left-hand corner or some sort of large clip may be used. They should not be bound in any way (no notebooks, covers or tabs).
4. 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 the original plus seven copies are submitted to the Ex Officio Chair by the filing deadline listed below. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. If you submit letters of reference with your application, they should be collated with the copies of your application. Late reference letters may not receive consideration by the Commission.
5. Your application should be filed with the original and seven copies at the following address:

Tenth District Nominating Commission  
Justice Nathan B. Coats, Ex Officio Chair  
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800  
Denver, Colorado 80202
6. Your application must be received no later than: **(4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012).**
7. If you use USPS Express Mail overnight service, please allow an extra day for delivery.
8. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk’s office with questions: 303-837-3753.