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## **Judge Robert H. Russell, II, to retire** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Eighteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet March 26, 2012, at the Arapahoe County Justice Center, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Robert H. Russell, II. The vacancy will occur on May 31, 2012.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Eighteenth 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 Nancy E. Rice, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Laurie McKager, Arapahoe County Justice Center, 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112. 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 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 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, Feb. 29, 2012.

The members of the nominating commission for the Eighteenth Judicial District are: Doris Truhlar and Michael Plachy of Centennial; Fay Matsukage and Christine Niemann of Parker; Richard Suder of Elbert; Suzan Boyd of Aurora; and Jerry Monks of Limon.

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

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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. 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 some other storage device (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:

Eighteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission  
Justice Nancy Rice, 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 March 7, 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.