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## **Twentieth Judicial District announces District Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Aug. 26, 2013, at the Boulder County Courthouse to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Twentieth Judicial District (Boulder County). The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Honorable M. Gwyneth Whalen. The vacancy will occur on Sept. 2, 2013.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Twentieth 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 \$133,228. 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, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the district administrator, Amy Waddle, Boulder County Courthouse (1777 Sixth St., Boulder, CO 80302). Applications also are available on the court's home page at:

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

An electronic copy of the application in PDF format must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Aug. 12, 2013. See the attached instructions for details on applying. 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. Aug. 1, 2013.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twentieth Judicial District are: Marsha Caplan, Leslie Eaton, Polly Jessen, and William Flowers, Jr., all of Boulder; Joel Champion of Longmont; Briggs Gamblin of Louisville; and Michael Beylkin of Erie.

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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

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. Applicants who just applied for the district court vacancy in the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial district may apply for this vacancy with the same application materials. In lieu of resubmitting the application materials, submit a letter indicating that you wish to apply for this vacancy using the same application. If you wish to use your previous application, it must be used in its entirety (we cannot substitute any individual parts of those materials). If previous applicants do not wish to use the same application materials, new application materials must be resubmitted in their entirety as outlined below.
4. New applications must be submitted as follows: 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). The electronic application does not need to contain a signature. If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, personal statement, reference letters) these documents should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached last.
5. New applications may be submitted with letters of reference from up to **five** individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. You may include the reference letters with your application, or have them sent directly to us at the address below. If sent directly by the author, they need only send us one original letter (in paper). If you include them with your application materials, please submit the original paper letter and it should be part included as part of your electronic application as well. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted to the by the filing deadline.
6. Submit your original signed application along with the electronic copy to the following address:

Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission  
c/o Justice Nancy E. Rice  
2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clerk's Office  
Denver, Colorado 80203

We do not accept emails of any application materials.

6. Your application must be filed no later than: **(4 p.m. on August 12, 2013).**
7. Call Chris Ryan or Cheryl Stevens in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions:  
720-625-5150