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Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Dennis A. Graham to retire *Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission invites qualified attorneys to apply for a Colorado Court of Appeals judgeship created by the retirement of the Hon. Dennis Graham, effective Feb. 12, 2018. The Commission will meet on Nov. 27 and 28, 2017, to interview applicants and select nominees for appointment by the governor.

To be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for a court of appeals judge is currently \$170,324. The initial term of office of a Court of Appeals judge is a provisional term of two years. Thereafter, the incumbent judge, if retained by the voters, has a term of eight years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex-officio chair of the Nominating Commission, Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the District Administrator of any of the 22 judicial districts. 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 as a PDF must be received by the ex-officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Oct. 23, 2017. 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. Oct. 16, 2017.

Applications will be kept confidential, except that the nominating commission shall disclose the names, work addresses, and work telephone numbers of the three nominees submitted to the governor.

The members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Kathleen Lord and Daniel Ramos, 1st Congressional District; Ann Hendrickson and Shannon Stevenson, 2nd Congressional District; Kim Childs and Robert Scott, 3rd Congressional District; Scott Johnson and Tracee Bentley, 4th Congressional District; Jay Patel and Eric Hall, 5th Congressional District; James Carpenter and Michael Burg, 6th Congressional District; Carolyn Fairless and Olivia Mendoza, 7th Congressional District; and Connie McArthur, at-large.

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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. 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). 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.
4. You may submit letters of reference of **not less than three and not more than 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 also include it as part of your electronic application. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted to us by the application filing deadline.
5. Submit your original signed application along with the electronic copy to the following address:

Supreme Court Nominating Commission
c/o Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice
Supreme Court Clerk's Office
2 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

If you are hand-delivering your application, please deliver it to the Clerk's Office. We do not accept emails of any application materials.

6. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on October 23, 2017**
7. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office with questions: 720-625-5175.