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## **Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Carparelli to retire**

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission invites qualified attorneys to apply for a Colorado Court of Appeals judgeship created by the retirement of the Honorable Russell E. Carparelli, effective Dec. 15, 2013. The Commission will meet on Monday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center (2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203) 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 \$138,957. 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 Michael L. Bender, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the District Administrator of any of the 22 judicial districts. Applications are also available on the court's home page at: [www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/vacancy.htm](http://www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/vacancy.htm)

An electronic copy of the application in PDF format must be received by the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. See the instructions below for more details.

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. Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013.

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

The members of the nominating commission for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Richard Holme and Sr. Alicia Cuarón, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District; Lamar Sims and Ann Hendrickson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District; Kim Childs and Mary Stengel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District; Scott Johnson and Ira Paulin, 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Richard Celeste and Eric Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; April Jones and Bruce Alexander, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; Charles Tingle and Olivia Mendoza, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Dorothy Decker, at large.

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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR COLORADO APPELLATE 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. 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). Your signature is required on the paper copy, but not on the electronic document. Your application materials should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached at the end.
3. Please use plain white paper and do not change the margins or font size on the application.
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. 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 do not need to send an electronic document nor do they need to send multiple copies. If you include reference letters with your application, the original letter(s) must accompany your paper application and should also be attached to your PDF. Please attach reference letters at the end of your PDF.
5. Your application packet must include a writing sample of no more than 20 pages in length.
6. Your application should be submitted with the original electronic copy at the following address:

Supreme Court Nominating Commission  
c/o Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, Ex Officio Chair  
2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Clerk's Office  
Denver, Colorado 80203

We do not accept emails of any application materials.

7. Your application must be filed no later than: **(4 p.m. on November 12, 2013).**
8. Call Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5152.