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Colorado Supreme Court Justice Alex J. Martinez to resign *Commission sets date to select nominees*

DENVER – The Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission will meet on Oct. 3, 2011, to review applications, and again on Oct. 11 and 12, 2011, to interview candidates and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Colorado Supreme Court. The vacancy will be created by the resignation of Justice Alex J. Martinez. The vacancy will occur on Oct. 31, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the 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 current annual salary for this position is \$139,660. The initial term of office of a Supreme Court justice is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent justice, if retained by the voters, has a term of 10 years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, or from the Supreme Court Clerk, Christopher T. Ryan, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202. 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 of the application in electronic form as a single, text-searchable PDF file must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4:00

p.m., Sept. 19, 2011. 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 4:00 p.m., Sept. 12, 2011.

The members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Richard Holme and Sr. Alicia Cuarón, 1st Congressional District; Lamar Sims and Jay Clark, 2nd Congressional District; Mary Stengel and Alex Tejada, 3rd Congressional District; Richard Gast, 4th Congressional District; Richard Celeste and L. Martin Nussbaum, 5th Congressional District; April Jones and Bruce Alexander, 6th Congressional District; Lynn Johnson, 7th Congressional District and Dorothy Decker, at large.

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This commission currently has two vacancies which may be filled before the commission meets.

Application instructions are on the following page.

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIP
Please read carefully – instructions have changed substantially

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 must use the application dated 4/2009 in the lower left corner – do not use a previous 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 you may attach a separate sheet of paper for each question.
2. Do not change the margins or the font size of the application.
3. You must submit one original signed application along with an identical copy of your application electronically as a PDF file in text searchable format on a CD or some other storage device (devices will not be returned). Your electronic application should be one PDF document. Your original application should not be in any sort of binding or note book. Staples or binder clips are preferable.
4. Your application must include a writing sample.
5. 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. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the application filing deadline. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. If your letters are sent separately, we will scan them and attach them to your electronic application. Reference letters will not be accepted by fax or email.
6. You must submit **the original plus electronic application no later than Sept. 19, 2011 at 4 p.m. Application materials must be delivered to the court. Email applications will not be accepted.** If you send your application by USPS and request a signature, you will need to allow an extra day for our receipt of your application.
7. Your application should be sent or delivered to the following address:
Supreme Court Nominating Commission
Chief Justice Michael Bender, Ex Officio Chair
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202
8. Please call Cheryl Stevens, Supreme Court Clerk's Office, at 303-837-3753 with questions.