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

The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet April 2, 2024, at the Jefferson County Combined Courts, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Ann Meinster. The vacancy will occur on June 1, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the First Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for this position is \$193,008. 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and Court Executive Jennifer Mendoza, or Deputy Court Executive Traci Worthan at 720-772-2751.

Applications also are available on the court's home page at

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

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on March 22, 2024. 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 March 15, 2024.

The members of the nominating commission for the 1st Judicial District are Jeanie Vela of Arvada; Linza Douglas of Golden; Laura Martinez of Lakewood; and Helen Raleigh, Stephen Cook, and Tracy Schroeder of Littleton. This nominating commission currently has one vacancy.

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE 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 <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. Please be complete and thorough in answering the questions. If an answer to any question requires more space than provided, you may attach a separate page(s) as needed. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
2. Your application must include the names of not fewer than three nor more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. **Reference letters shall be strictly confidential and sent directly to the Ex-Officio Chair of the Commission by email as described below by the deadline listed.** It is your responsibility to notify references of these requirements.
3. Your application must be submitted as a single PDF document in text searchable format. If you include any cover letter, extra pages, writing sample etc. it must be combined into one PDF document with your application.
4. Application materials must be sent via email with **your name and 1st JD – Jefferson District Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **March 22, 2024** to the following email address:

judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us

You should receive an automatic response to your email submission. If you do not, please email **Tory Clark** at the address below to confirm receipt.

5. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on **March 22, 2024.**
6. Email Tory Clark in Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: tory.clark@judicial.state.co.us.