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

The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Gilpin Combined Court in Black Hawk on Aug. 28, 2014, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Gilpin County. The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Hon. David R. Gloss. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 13, 2015.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Gilpin County and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. The annual salary for this position is \$76,435, and it is a 55 percent position. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Nathan B. Coats, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the district administrator, Caren Stanley, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Golden, CO 80401.

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

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

The original, signed application must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Aug. 13, 2014. 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. 6, 2014.

The members of the nominating commission for the First Judicial District are: Scott Hutchings, Heather Lipp and Thomas Overton of Golden; Franz Frechette of Black Hawk; Dennis Brown of Wheat Ridge; David Bock of Littleton; and Marie Wheatley of Lakewood.

Editor's Note: Contact information for the nominating commission members

- Scott Hutchings, 245 S. Flora Way, Golden, CO 80401
- Heather Lipp, 12300 Liberty Blvd., Englewood, CO 80112
- Thomas Overton, 1080 Kalamath St., Denver, CO 80204
- Franz Frechette, P.O. Box 1200, Nederland, CO 80466
- Dennis Brown, 555 17th St., Suite 3200, Denver, CO 80202
- David Bock, 3940 S. Teller St., Lakewood, CO 80235
- Marie Wheatley, 14065 W. Virginia Dr., Lakewood, CO 80228

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

Instructions For First Judicial District Applicants

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/exec/media/vacancy.htm>. 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. Answers should be typed or printed in black ink. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
3. The completed original application should be stapled ONCE in the upper left-hand corner. It should NOT be bound in any way, should NOT be in notebooks, should NOT have covers attached, and should NOT have sections of the application tabbed in any way.
4. While it is preferred that you submit your application on this standard form, you may choose to reproduce this form on a computer. If you do so, however, please ensure that the top and left margins are 1” and that the size of type is no smaller than 12 pt.
5. Applicants for county court judgeships who are not attorneys may modify the form as needed by inserting the words "not applicable" where appropriate.
6. You must submit the names of **not less than three nor more than five** individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. All such letters shall be sent directly to the First Judicial District Nominating Commission, c/o Justice Nathan B. Coats, Ex-Officio Chair, at the address shown below. You are instructed to tell your references not to send the original or a copy to you. A request for reference form is attached and must be used for each reference requested. In order to assure consideration of the letters of reference, they must be received on or before **August 13, 2014**.
7. Submit your original signed application to the following address:

First Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Nathan B. Coats, Ex Officio Chair
Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center
2 East 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203
8. Your application must be received no later than **4:00 p.m., August 13, 2014**.
9. Call Valerie in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk’s office with questions: 720-625-5157.

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION

Applicant should send a copy of this instruction to each of his or her requested references.

REQUESTED REFERENCE ON BEHALF OF _____.
(Name of Applicant)

The above individual is applying for an existing vacancy on the First Judicial District Court bench. The applicant is requesting that you write a letter of reference. It is not inappropriate for you to decline to do so. In writing such a letter, the Judicial Nominating Commission requests that you specifically address both the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant under separate headings. If you believe the applicant has no weaknesses relative to his or her capabilities to be a County Court judge, you may so state. Finally, please rate the applicant, i.e., outstanding, excellent, above average, average, below average, or poor. All letters of reference are strictly confidential. **A copy may not be sent to the applicant. The original (we do not need any additional copies) must be sent directly to:**

Justice Nathan B. Coats
Ex Officio Chair, First Judicial District Nominating Commission
2 East 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

*******Please be sure the reference letters are received by August13, 2014.*******

It is extremely important to the Commission that you be as objective as possible in assessing the applicant's qualifications. We rely very heavily on letters of reference and unless you are totally objective in your comments, the Commission cannot properly carry out its function. Do not feel compelled to endorse the applicant merely because you have been asked to write a letter of reference on his or her behalf.

Sincerely,

First Judicial District Nominating Commission