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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 Nov. 13, 2023, at the Gilpin County Courthouse (2960 Dory Hill Road, Suite 200, Black Hawk, CO 80422). 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 Honorable David Taylor. The vacancy will occur on Nov. 4, 2023.

To be eligible must be a qualified elector of Gilpin County at the time of investiture 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 \$110,822.40, and it is a 60 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 Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Jennifer Mendoza, 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 Oct. 27, 2023. 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. on Oct. 20, 2023.

The members of the nominating commission for the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District are: Jeanie Vela of Arvada; Laura Martinez of Lakewood; Linza Douglas and Danielle Radovich Piper of Golden; and Helen Raleigh, Alison Zinn and Tracy Schroeder, all of Littleton.

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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**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 <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 1<sup>st</sup> JD Gilpin County Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **October 27, 2023** to the following email address:

[judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us)

You should receive an automatic response to your email submission. If you do not, please call the supreme court at the telephone number listed below.

5. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on October 27, 2023.
6. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150