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

The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Jefferson Combined Court in Golden on March 18, 2020, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Jefferson County. The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Jean Woodford, effective April 4, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Jefferson County at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$165,795. 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Gail Pickarts, 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 completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. March 2, 2020. 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. Feb. 24, 2020.

The members of the nominating commission for the First Judicial District are: John G. Lee and Jeanie Vela, both of Arvada; Nicole Dews of Lakewood; Allison Zinn of Littleton; and Linza Douglas of Golden. The commission currently has two vacancies.

**Note:** Contact information for the nominating commission members:

- John G. Lee, 1731 Gilpin St., Denver, CO 80218
- Nicole Dews, 1600 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Flr., Denver, CO 80202
- Alison Zinn, 1515 Wynkoop St., Ste. 600, Denver, CO 80202
- Jeanie Vela, via email at [jeaniemvela@outlook.com](mailto:jeaniemvela@outlook.com)
- Linza Douglas, 1327 Golden Gate Dr., Golden, CO 80403

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**  
**NEW INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

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>. 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. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
2. Your application materials should be prepared in the following manner:

The application should be saved as a PDF file (preferably in text searchable format. The electronic application does not need to contain a signature. If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, personal statement, reference letters) these documents should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached last.

You must submit the names of not fewer than three nor more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. If they are submitted directly by the author, they should be submitted by email as described below in paragraph 3. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline listed in paragraph 4.

3. Your application materials compiled as outlined above should be sent via email with **your name and Jefferson County Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **March 2, 2020** 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 **Nikky Conn** at the number below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on March 2, 2020.**
5. Call **Nikky Conn** in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: **720-625-5175.**