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

The Third Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet August 29, 2018 at the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 E. 1st Street, Trinidad, CO 81082, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Third Judicial District (Huerfano and Las Animas counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Claude W. Appel. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 8, 2019.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Third Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. Pursuant to CRS 13-5-104, the appointed judge shall maintain his official residence and chambers in Huerfano County. The current annual salary for this position is \$163,303. 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 Carlos A. Samour, Jr. 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the district administrator, Bob Kreiman, 200 E. 1st St., Rm. 304, Trinidad, CO 81082.

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 stored as a PDF must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. on July 27, 2018. 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 July 20, 2018.

The members of the nominating commission for the Third Judicial District are: Mary White, Nancy Nielsen, La Veta; Paula Murphy, Patricia Walls, Jill Wilson, Les Downs, Trinidad; and Roger Castle, Rye.

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

- Mary White, PO Box 26, La Veta, CO 81055
- Nancy Nielsen, PO Box 1065, La Veta, CO 81055
- Paula Murphy, 335 E. Main St., Trinidad, CO 81082
- Patricia Walls, 712 Pine St., Trinidad, CO 81082
- Roger Castle, PO Box 394, Rye, CO 81069
- Jill Wilson, 417 S. Indiana St., Trinidad, CO 81082
- Les Downs, 134 W. Main St., #32, Trinidad, CO 81082

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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 <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. 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. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
3. You must submit one original signed application along with an identical copy of your application electronically as a PDF file (preferably in text searchable format) on a CD or flash drive (these will not be returned). 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.
4. You may submit letters of reference of **not less than three and not more than five** individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. You may include the reference letters with your application or have them sent directly to us at the address below. If sent directly by the author, they need only send us one original letter (in paper). If you include them with your application materials, please submit the original paper letter and also include it as part of your electronic application. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted to us by the application filing deadline.
5. Submit your original signed application along with the electronic copy to the following address:

Third Judicial District Nominating Commission
c/o Justice Carlos A. Samour, Jr.
Supreme Court Clerk's Office
2 E. 14th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

If you are hand-delivering your application, please deliver it to the Clerk's Office.
We do not accept emails of any application materials.

6. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on July 27, 2018.**
7. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office with questions: 720-625-5175.