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4th Judicial District Announces New El Paso County Court Judgeship *Commission to select nominees on Sept. 13 and 14*

The Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the El Paso County Judicial Building (270 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs) on Monday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for El Paso County. The new county court judgeship was created pursuant to House Bill 07-1054 and is effective Jan 1, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, an applicant must be a qualified elector of El Paso County and must be admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$123,067. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if retained 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 Allison H. Eid, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202. Applications are also available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

The original and seven copies of the application must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Aug, 31, 2010. 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 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Aug, 31, 2010.

The members of the nominating commission for the Fourth Judicial District are: Mary Barrowman of Florissant, Julie Wolfe of Manitou Springs, and Mary Lou Makepeace, Lynn Olney, Trudy Strewler, David M. Johnson and Mike Edmonds all of Colorado Springs.

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

- Mary Lou Makepeace, 1819 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907
- Lynn Olney, 259 Chatham Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906
- Julie Wolfe, 10 Boulder Crescent, Suite 201, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- Mary Barrowman, 16222 W. Hwy 24, Suite 120, Woodland Park, CO 80863
- Trudy Strewler, 701 S. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- David M. Johnson, 24 S. Weber #300, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- Mike Edmonds, 1005 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Applicant Note: In addition to this opening on the County Court bench in El Paso County, under HB 07-1054 two openings on the District Court bench have also been announced, as well as two vacancies to be created by retirements from the District Court bench. If you desire to apply for both the District Court and the County Court opportunities you must submit a separate application for each vacancy. In addition, a separate application is necessary if you wish to apply for the upcoming District Court vacancies, for which the Nominating Commission will meet in August.

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

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.
2. Answers must be typed or printed in black ink.
3. Each completed original and all copies of the application should be stapled ONCE in the upper left-hand corner. They 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 11 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 or 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 Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission, c/o Justice Allison H. Eid, Ex Officio Chair, at the address listed 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 the last date applications may be filed.

Please Note: Reference letters must be resubmitted every time you apply for a judicial vacancy. Reference letters from previous applications are not available for reuse.

6. You must file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
7. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Allison H. Eid, Ex Officio Chair
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202

8. Your application must be filed no later than: **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31**

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION

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

The above individual is applying for an existing vacancy on the Fourth District County 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 and seven (7) copies must be sent directly to:**

Justice Allison H. Eid, Ex Officio Chair
Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202

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,

Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission

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