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## **Judge John J. Mitchel to retire from Montrose County bench** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Seventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at the Montrose County Justice Center to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Montrose County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. John J. Mitchel. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 11, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Montrose 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 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 Gregory J. Hobbs Jr., 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Edward J. Clayton III, Montrose County Justice Center, Courts Building, 1200 North Grand Ave., Bin A, Montrose, CO 81401. Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

The original and eight copies of the application must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, 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 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventh Judicial District are: Tina McGuinness and Pamela Montgomery of Gunnison; Kevin Geiger of Telluride; Rebecca Vickers of Lake City; Stephen Mathis of Montrose; Nancy Hovde of Cedaredge; and Lincoln Anderson of Ridgway.

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

- Tina McGuinness, 105 W. Boulevard St., Gunnison, CO 81230
- Stephen Mathis, P.O. Box 1487, Montrose, CO 81401
- Nancy Hovde, P.O. Box 747, Cedaredge, CO 81413
- Rebecca Vickers, P.O. Box 625, Lake City, CO 81224
- Lincoln Anderson, P. O. Box 87, Ridgway, CO 81432
- Kevin Geiger, P.O. Box 3432, Telluride, CO 81435
- Pamela Montgomery, P.O. Box 935, Gunnison, CO 81230

**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 should 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 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. If you desire, you may request that letters of reference be submitted from up to five individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. It is **your responsibility** to ensure that all letters of reference (with sufficient copies) are submitted to the Ex Officio Chair by the filing deadline. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. Letters received late may not receive consideration by the Commission.

**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.

7. If you are applying for an appellate judgeship, you need to file an original and fifteen (15) copies of your application. If you are applying for a district or county court judgeship, you need to file an original and **eight (8)** copies of your application.
8. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Seventh Judicial District Nominating Commission  
Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Ex Officio Chair  
Colorado State Judicial Building  
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800  
Denver, Colorado 80202

9. Your application must be filed no later than: **Monday August 2, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.**