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## **11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District announced Chaffee County Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Aug. 31, 2020, via Webex to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Chaffee County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable William P. Alderton. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 12, 2021.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Chaffee 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 \$124,326, and it is a 75 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; the office of the court executive, Lisa Rowe, 136 Justice Center Rd., Canon City CO 81212; and the Chaffee County Court, 142 Crestone Avenue, Salida, CO 81201. 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 Aug. 21, 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. on Aug. 14, 2020.

The members of the nominating commission for the Fourteenth Judicial District are\*: Lee Phillips, of Alma; Molly Walker, of Nathrop; Jolene DeVries of Cotopaxi; Troy Bomgardner and William Holt, of Westcliffe; and Marianne Wancura, of Salida.

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

- Lee Phillips, P.O. Box 1046, Fairplay, CO 80440
- Molly Walker, P.O. Box 731, Salida, CO 81201
- Jolene DeVries, 831 Royal Gorge Blvd., Suite 215, Canon City, CO 81212
- Troy Bomgardner, P.O. Box 304, Westcliffe, CO 81252
- William Holt, 3747 CR 119, Westcliffe, CO 81252
- Marianne Wancura, 124 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Salida, CO 81201

\*This commission currently has one vacancy.

**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 Chaffee County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **August 21, 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 email **Nikky Conn** at the address below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on August 21, 2020.
5. Email Nikky Conn in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: [nikky.conn@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:nikky.conn@judicial.state.co.us).