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Chief Judge O. John Kuenhold retiring from 12th Judicial District bench *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Twelfth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Alamosa Combined Court (702 Fourth St., Alamosa, CO 81101) on Aug. 24, 2011, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Twelfth Judicial District (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable O. John Kuenhold. The vacancy will occur on Oct. 1, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Twelfth Judicial District and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$128,598. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if retained 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 Nancy Rice, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Benjamin Stough, 702 Fourth St., Alamosa, CO 81101. Applications also are 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 4 p.m. Aug. 3, 2011. 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 July 25, 2011.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twelfth Judicial District are: Bruce Meyer and Keith Vance, Alamosa; Castelar Garcia, Manassa; Huey McCoulskey, South Fork; Dan Quintana, San Luis; and Tristram Post, Center.

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

- Bruce Meyer, 808 Third St., Alamosa, CO 81101
- Huey McCoulskey, 115 Columbine Dr., South Fork, CO 81154
- Dan Quintana, 9927 CR 21, San Luis, CO 81152
- Tristram Post, 46901 CR J, Center, CO 81125
- Castelar Garcia, 714 South St., Manassa, CO 81141
- Keith Vance, 319 Ross Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101

This Commission currently has one vacancy which may be filled prior to the meeting.

**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>. You should use only 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. Answers should be typed or printed in black ink. You should not reduce the size of the font and margins should remain 1 inch.
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. 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.

5. If you are applying for a district or county court judgeship, you need to file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
6. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Twelfth Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Nancy Rice, Ex Officio Chair
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800
Denver, Colorado 80202

7. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.**
8. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 303-837-3753.
9. Please allow an extra day if you use USPS Express Mail overnight service.