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## **13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District announces Morgan County Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Thirteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Aug. 22, 2018, at the Morgan District Court in Fort Morgan to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Morgan County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Michael J. Schingle. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 8, 2019.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Morgan 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 \$125,022, and it is an 80 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 William W. Hood III, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the district administrator, Douglas Short, 110 N. Riverview Rd., Room 200, Sterling, CO 80751. 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. July 23, 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. July 16, 2018.

The members of the nominating commission for the Thirteenth Judicial District are: Jeffrey Cure of Burlington, Brigitte Shafer of Akron, Edward Zorn of Fort Morgan, and Randy Reano of Julesburg.

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

- Jeffrey Cure, 336 14<sup>th</sup> St., Burlington, CO 80807
- Brigitte Shafer, 27736 CR 51, Akron, CO 80720
- Edward Zorn, 626 E. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701
- Randy Reano, 705 Sycamore St., Julesburg, CO 80737

This commission currently has three vacancies.

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**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:

Thirteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission  
c/o Justice William W. Hood III  
Supreme Court Clerk's Office  
2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 23, 2018.**
7. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office with questions: 720-625-5175.