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15th Judicial District announces District Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Fifteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Sept. 14, 2015, at the Prowers County Courthouse in Lamar to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Fifteenth Judicial District (Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Prowers counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. P. Douglas Tallman. The vacancy will occur on Oct. 2, 2015.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Fifteenth 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 \$159,320. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if approved 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the district administrator, Barbara McDaniel, Prowers County Couthouse, 301 S. Main St., Suite 300, Lamar, CO 81052. 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. Aug. 24, 2015. 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. Aug. 17, 2015. Under the rules of the 15th Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating commission for the Fifteenth Judicial District are: Larry Porter, Staci Bishop, and Linda Lusk, all of Springfield; Joshua Vogel and Chris Rundell of Lamar; Christian Tallman of Brandon; and Marlin (Marty) Miller of Eads.

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

- Staci Bishop, 27300 County Road 25.5, Springfield, CO 81073
- Linda Lusk, 28021 County Road 21, Springfield, CO 81073
- Marlin (Marty) Miller, P.O. Box 411, Eads, CO 81036
- Larry Porter, Box 337, Springfield, CO 81073
- Chris Rundell, 27895 County Road 3, Lamar, CO 81052
- Christian Tallman, P.O. Box 201, Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810
- Joshua Vogel, 110 E. Oak St., Lamar, CO 81052

Application instructions follow.

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 from up to 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 it should be included as part of your electronic application as well. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline.
5. Submit your original signed application along with the electronic copy to the following address:

Fifteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission
c/o Justice Monica M. Márquez
2 E. 14th Avenue, Clerk's Office
Denver, Colorado 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 August 24, 2015.**
7. Call Valerie in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150