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

The Seventeenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet April 14, 2017, at the Adams County Justice Center to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Seventeenth Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. John E. Popovich Jr. The vacancy will occur on May 31, 2017.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Seventeenth Judicial District at the time the application is submitted 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 Brian D. Boatright, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the district administrator, Benjamin Stough, 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton CO, 80601.

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. March 20, 2017. 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. March 13, 2017.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventeenth Judicial District are: Margaret Burd of Thornton; Daniel Carr, Jennifer Chavez, Joann Dawe, and Patricia Jarzowski of Westminster; Christina Gomez of Commerce City; and Linda Rodriguez of Broomfield.

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

- Margaret Burd, 12050 N. Pecos St., Westminster, CO 80234
- Daniel Carr, 455 Sherman St., Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203
- Jennifer Chavez, 1800 Larimer St., Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202
- Joann Dawe, 1200 S. Sunset St., Longmont, CO 80501
- Christina Gomez, 555 17<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 3200, Denver, CO 80202
- Patricia Jarzowski, 2300 15<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202
- Linda Rodriguez, 1617 Daphne St., Broomfield, CO 80020

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**NOTE TO PREVIOUS APPLICANTS:** Because the file has already been closed, we are unable to re-use applications from the previous judicial vacancy. However, applicants who wish to use the same application that was considered for the December, 2016 commission meeting may do so by re-submitting those materials both in paper and electronic format as outlined below.

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:

Seventeenth Judicial District Nominating Commission  
c/o Justice Brian D. Boatright  
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. March 20, 2017.**
7. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office with questions: 720-625-5175.