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Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender to retire *Commission sets date to select nominees*

DENVER – The Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission will meet Oct. 8 and 9, 2013, at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center (2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203) to interview candidates and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Colorado Supreme Court.

The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Chief Justice Michael L. Bender pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, Article VI, Section 23, which mandates that judicial officers retire at age 72. The vacancy will be effective Jan. 7, 2014, Chief Justice Bender's 72nd birthday.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$144,688. The initial term of office of a Supreme Court justice is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent justice, if retained by the voters, has a term of 10 years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, or from the Supreme Court Clerk, Christopher T. Ryan, 2 E. 14th Ave. Denver, CO 80203. 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 of the application in electronic form as a single, text-searchable PDF file must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. Sept. 3,

2013. 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. 19, 2013.

Applications will be kept confidential, except that the nominating commission shall disclose the names, work addresses, and work telephone numbers of those nominees submitted to the Governor.

The members of the nominating commission for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Richard Holme and Sr. Alicia Cuarón, 1st Congressional District; Lamar Sims and Ann Hendrickson, 2nd Congressional District; Kim Childs and Mary Stengel, 3rd Congressional District; Scott Johnson and Ira Paulin, 4th Congressional District; Richard Celeste and Eric Hall, 5th Congressional District; April Jones and Bruce Alexander, 6th Congressional District; Charles Tingle and Olivia Mendoza, 7th Congressional District and Dorothy Decker, at large.

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Application instructions are on the following page.

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO APPELLATE 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. 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 document does not need to contain your signature. Your application materials should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached at the end.
3. Please use plain white paper and do not change the margins or font size on the application.
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 (electronic is not necessary). If you include reference letters with your application materials, the original paper letter(s) must be included with your paper application and they must also be attached to your PDF (please attach reference letters at the end). It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted to the by the application deadline.
5. Your application packet must include a writing sample of no more than 20 pages in length.
6. Your application should be submitted with the original electronic copy at the following address:

Supreme Court Nominating Commission
c/o Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, Ex Officio Chair
2 E. 14th Avenue, Clerk's Office
Denver, Colorado 80203

We do not accept emails of any application materials.

7. Your application must be filed no later than: **(4 p.m. on September 3, 2013).**
8. Call Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5152.