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Larimer County District Court magistrate finalists selected *Chief Judge to name new district court magistrate*

Members of the Eighth Judicial District Nominating Commission have nominated three candidates for an open magistrate position in Larimer County. Nominees David Ayraud and Carolyn Pannell, both of Fort Collins, and Holly Panetta of Severance were selected in a meeting at the Larimer County Courthouse on July 21, 2011.

Eighth Judicial District Court Chief Judge Stephen Schapanski will make the final decision on the candidate best suited to take the bench, but is asking for public input on the three candidates.

“Just like district and county court judges, magistrates make important decisions affecting the public and are here to serve the people of Larimer and Jackson counties,” Chief Judge Schapanski said. “In keeping with that, I have requested and received assistance from the Nominating Commission in recommending nominees for this position, and I am also asking for the public’s comments to assist me in selecting the court’s next magistrate. I thank you in advance for providing your thoughts on these individuals.”

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent to Eighth Judicial District Administrator Janelle Brunin via e-mail at janelle.brunin@judicial.state.co.us or by letter sent to

her attention at 201 LaPorte Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Public comment on the nominees will be taken until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

A complete job description for a magistrate employed by the Colorado Judicial Department is posted to:

http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Description_Detail.cfm?Job_Description_ID=100

Editor's Note: Contact information for the three nominees

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