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Application period opens for vacancies on judicial nominating commissions *Twenty-nine positions to be filled*

DENVER – On behalf of Gov. John Hickenlooper, Attorney General John Suthers and Chief Justice Michael L. Bender, the Colorado Judicial Branch today announced the opening of the application period for 29 attorney and non-attorney vacancies on the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission and Judicial Nominating Commissions in 16 judicial districts.

Each judicial district in Colorado has a nominating commission comprising three attorneys and four non-attorneys who select nominees for appointment to county and district judgeships. The Supreme Court Nominating Commission is made up of seven attorneys and seven non-attorneys and one non-attorney at-large member. Each of Colorado's seven Congressional Districts is represented by one attorney and one non-attorney on the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, which selects nominees for positions on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

All members of judicial nominating commissions serve as volunteers. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2013.

Application forms for attorneys may be found on the Colorado Judicial Department web site at http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme_Court/Nominating.cfm. Completed application forms may be mailed to Cheryl Stevens, Colorado Supreme Court, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; faxed to her attention at 720-625-5148; or sent via e-mail to cheryl.stevens@judicial.state.co.us.

Application forms and instructions for non-attorneys may be found on the Governor's Office web site at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovHickenlooper/CBON/1249674847715>.

Article VI, Section 24 of the Colorado Constitution requires that for any nominating commission, "no more than one-half of the commission members plus one, exclusive of the

Supreme Court justice serving as ex officio chair, shall be members of the same political party.” The Constitution also requires that at least one commissioner reside in each of the counties of the district. Applicants must reside in the judicial district – or, for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, the congressional district – to which they are applying for appointment.

Here is a list of upcoming nominating commission vacancies along with any applicable residency and political-affiliation requirements:

- 1st Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties): One attorney and one non-attorney vacancy
- 2nd Judicial District (Denver County): One attorney vacancy
- 4th Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties): One attorney vacancy; appointee must not be a registered Republican
- 6th Judicial District (Archuleta, La Plata and San Juan counties): One non-attorney vacancy
- 9th Judicial District (Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco counties): One attorney and one non-attorney vacancy; 10th Judicial District (Pueblo County): One attorney and one non-attorney vacancy
- 12th Judicial District (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties): One attorney vacancy; appointee must reside in Alamosa County
- 13th Judicial District (Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties): One attorney and one non-attorney vacancy; one appointee must be from Morgan County and the other must be from Washington County
- 15th Judicial District (Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Prowers counties): One non-attorney vacancy
- 16th Judicial District (Bent, Crowley and Otero counties): Two non-attorney vacancies; one appointee must be from Crowley County, 17th Judicial District (Broomfield and Adams counties): Two attorney vacancies
- 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties): One attorney vacancy
- 19th Judicial District (Weld County): One attorney vacancy
- 20th Judicial District (Boulder County): One non-attorney vacancy
- 21st Judicial District (Mesa County): Two attorney and one non-attorney vacancies

- 22nd Judicial District (Dolores and Montezuma counties): One attorney vacancy; the appointee must not be a registered Republican
- Supreme Court: Two attorney and three non-attorney vacancies; one attorney appointee must be from the 1st Congressional District and the other attorney appointee must be from the 6th Congressional District; one non-attorney appointee must be from the 3rd Congressional District and one non-attorney appointee must be from the 6th Congressional District (the third non-attorney vacancy is the at-large position)