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Colorado Judicial Branch Opens Application Period for Judicial Nominating Commissions Attorney Positions *Twenty-two Attorney Positions to be Vacated Dec. 31*

DENVER – On behalf of Governor Bill Ritter, Attorney General John Suthers and Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey, the Colorado Judicial Branch has opened the application period for 22 attorney positions on judicial nominating commissions. The positions will be vacated when current commissioners' six-year terms end Dec. 31. Applications are due on or before Oct. 19, 2007.

There will be 20 openings for attorneys to serve on 15 judicial district nominating commissions, which select nominees for county and district judgeships, and two openings for attorneys on the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, which selects nominees for judges of the Colorado Court of Appeals and justices of the Colorado Supreme Court. Members of each commission are volunteers and serve six-year terms.

Application forms can be found on the Colorado Judicial Branch Web site at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/committees/supctnomincomm.htm> and may be mailed to Cheryl Stevens, Judicial Assistant, Colorado Supreme Court, Two East 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, or faxed to her attention at (303) 861-7429.

The Judicial Branch will accept applications only from attorneys seeking positions on the nominating commissions; under the Colorado Constitution, non-attorney members of the commissions are appointed by the governor.

Article VI, Section 24 of the Constitution requires that no political party can have a majority of greater than one member on any nominating commission, and also requires that at least one commissioner reside in each of the counties of the district. Applicants must reside in the judicial district to which they apply for appointment.

Here is a list of openings along with any applicable residency and political affiliation requirements:

1st Judicial District: One vacancy

2nd JD: Two vacancies; appointees must be either registered Democrats or unaffiliated voters

3rd JD: One vacancy

4th JD: One vacancy

5th JD: Two vacancies; one appointee must reside in Summit County

9th JD: One vacancy

10th JD: One vacancy

12th JD: One vacancy

13th JD: One vacancy; the appointee must reside either in Morgan County or Washington County

15th JD: One vacancy; the appointee must reside either in Kiowa County or Prowers County

17th JD: Two vacancies

18th JD: One vacancy

19th JD: Two vacancies

21st JD: Two vacancies

22nd JD: One vacancy

Supreme Court Nominating Commission: Two vacancies; one appointee each from the First and the Sixth congressional districts.

Questions about the application process may be directed to Cheryl Stevens at cheryl.stevens@judicial.state.co.us or (303) 837-3771.