

Whom
do
we
serve?



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What
do trial
court
judges
do?



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What
laws do
Colorado
judges
apply?

**Colorado Rules
of Civil Procedure**

as previously applied by
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What laws do Colorado judges apply?

Rules of Criminal Procedure

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Colorado Rules of Evidence

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What laws do Colorado judges apply?

Statutes

Colorado
Federal
Other states

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What laws do Colorado judges apply?

Agency Regulations

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Other states

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What laws do Colorado judges apply?

Case Law

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What kinds of cases do Colorado judges hear?

Crimes
Contracts
Real Estate
Construction
Negligence
Divorces
Child Abuse & Neglect
Juveniles
Business
Healthcare
Eldercare
Elections
Employment
Environmental
Trusts & Estates
Taxes
Administrative
Natural Resources
Insurance

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What makes someone a good judge?



Judge Alfred Harrell
Retired Denver County Court

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What makes someone a good judge?

Knowledge?

Experience?

Skills?

Character / Integrity / Honesty?

Temperament?

Other attributes?

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What makes someone a good judge?

Competence

Fairness

Impartiality

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How would you find out
whether a person
has these attributes?

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What Information Would You Want?

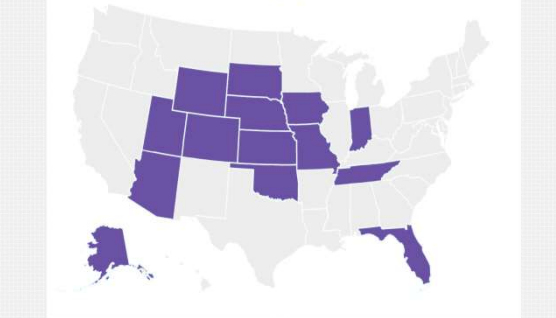
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Application
References
Reputation
Interview

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14 states use nominating commissions

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These states
appoint judges based
on comprehensive reviews of
applicants'
backgrounds & qualifications.

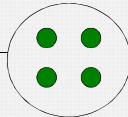
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Who reviews trial court candidates?

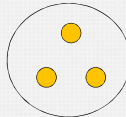
1 commission in each of 22 judicial districts



Governor



4 Non Lawyers



3 Lawyers

Not more than 4 from same political party.



Governor



Attorney General



Chief Justice

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Who reviews Court of Appeals and Supreme Court candidates?

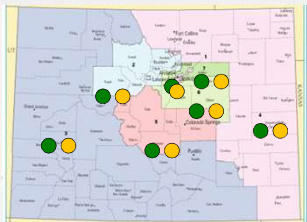


Governor

+1 at-large

8 Non Lawyers

Not more than 8 from same political party.



7 Lawyers



Governor



Attorney General



Chief Justice

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How many Coloradans serve on nominating commissions?

1 commission in each of 22 judicial districts
1 statewide commission

169 Coloradans

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