



# *Denver County Court*

City and County Building  
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Chambers of Theresa A. Spahn  
Presiding Judge

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## **DENVER COUNTY COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION SEVEN DENVER COUNTY COURT JUDGE NOMINEES FORWARDED TO MAYOR HANCOCK**

**DENVER** – Mayor Michael B. Hancock has received the following seven nominees for Denver County Court Judge from the Denver County Court Judicial Nomination Commission:

**Arnie Beckman**

**David Blackett**

**Andrew Luxen**

**Michelle Martinez**

**Richard Ott**

**Tanya Wheeler**

**James Zobel**

The Mayor will interview the nominees and announce his selection for the three judicial vacancies on or before January 16th, 2020. The appointment will fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Judge Johnny C. Barajas, Judge Brian Campbell, and the newly created Judgeship.

The Judicial Nomination Commission (“JNC”) is established in the Charter. It is composed of three attorneys and four non-attorneys, appointed by the Mayor, serving a term of four years. The Presiding Judge of the Denver County Court, Theresa Spahn, serves in an ex-officio advisory capacity. When a judicial vacancy is created, the JNC announces the vacancy and the timeline in which to apply for nomination.

During the confidential process in which the JNC considers the candidates, the Commissioners apply rigorous and consistent standards for integrity, legal knowledge and ability, experience, temperament, and diligence. The JNC carefully reviews the applications and selects candidates to interview. After the interviews and much deliberation, the JNC elects nominees for judicial vacancies for the Mayor’s consideration. Once the JNC has transmitted the names, the Mayor has fifteen days in which to appoint the new County Court Judge.

For further information, starting Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 please contact:  
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