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## **Fourth Judicial District announces District Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Feb. 14, 2020, at the El Paso County Courthouse (270 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO 80901) to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Fourth Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Larry E. Schwartz. The vacancy will occur on May 2, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Fourth Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$173,248. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of six years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Scott Sosebee (270 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO 80901). Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2020. Late applications will not be considered. Any person

wishing to suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. on Jan. 9, 2020.

The members of the nominating commission for the Fourth Judicial District are\*: Larry Gaddis\*\*, Juan Moreno, Mary Linden, Jennifer George and Joshua Brooks, all of Colorado Springs; and Philip Mella of Woodland Park.

Editor's Note: Contact information for the nominating commission members:

- Jennifer George, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80918
- Larry Gaddis, 15 W. Cimarron St., Ste. 300, Colorado Springs, CO 80903
- Joshua Brooks, 21950 Sweet Road, Peyton, CO 80831
- Mary Linden, 111 S. Tejon St., Suite 202., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-2246
- Philip Mella, 2018 Valley View Dr., Woodland Park, CO 80863
- Juan Moreno, 250 Vandenburg St., Peterson AFB, CO 80914

\* This commission currently has one vacancy.

\*\*Mr. Gaddis's term expires December 31, 2019.

**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**  
**APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**  
**NEW INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. Please be complete and thorough in answering the questions; and, if an answer to any question requires more space than provided, attach a separate sheet of paper for each question. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.

2. Your application materials should be prepared in the following manner:

The application should be saved as a PDF file (preferably in text searchable format). The electronic application does not need to contain a signature. If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, personal statement, reference letters) these documents should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached last.

3. You may submit **letters of reference from not less than three and not more than five** individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. If they are submitted directly by the author, they should be submitted as described below in paragraph 4. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline.
4. Your application materials compiled as outlined above should be sent via email with **your name and 4<sup>th</sup> JD District Court in the subject line** attaching your materials as compiled above no later than 4 p.m. on January 16, 2020 to the following email address:

**[judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us)**

**\*\*You should receive an automatic response to your email submission. If you do not, please call Nikky at the number below to confirm receipt.**

5. Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on January 16, 2020.**
6. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5175.