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## **First Judicial District announces District Court vacancies** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Jefferson Combined Court on Oct. 25, 2019, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to two judgeships on the District Court of the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties). One vacancy will be created pursuant to Senate Bill 19-043, effective Jan. 1, 2020; the second by the retirement of the Hon. Margie Enquist, effective Jan. 2, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the First Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for each of these positions 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Gail Pickarts, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Golden, CO 80401. 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. Oct. 3, 2019. 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. Sept. 26, 2019.

The members of the nominating commission for the First Judicial District are: Thomas Overton and Linza Douglas of Golden; Marie Belew Wheatley and Nicole Dews of Lakewood; John Lee and Jeanie Vela of Arvada; and Alison Zinn of Littleton.

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

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**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.

You must submit the names of not fewer than three nor more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. Reference letters should be submitted directly by the author by email as described below in paragraph 3. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline listed in paragraph 4.

3. Your application materials compiled as outlined above should be sent via email with **your name and First Judicial District in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on October 3, 2019 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.**

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on October 3, 2019.
5. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5175.