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## **Sixth Judicial District announces La Plata County Court vacancy** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet May 13, 2020, at the La Plata County Courthouse in Durango to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for La Plata County. The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Dondi J. Osborne. The vacancy will occur on July 6, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of La Plata County at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$165,795. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four 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, Eric Hogue, 1060 E. Second Ave., Room 106, Durango, CO 81301. 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. April 3, 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. March 27, 2020. Under the rules of the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating commission for the Sixth Judicial District are: Kathryn Steelman, Ingrid Alt, Barrie Hedges Newberger King, James Cross, and Paul DeBell of Durango; Albert Northrup of Pagosa Springs; and John Wright of Silverton.

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

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- James Cross, 1000 Rim Dr., Durango, CO 81301
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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. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. If they are submitted directly by the author, they should be submitted 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 Sixth Judicial District, La Plata County Court, in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **Friday, April 3, 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 **Melissa Meirink** at the number below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on April 3, 2020.**
5. Call **Melissa Meirink** at the Colorado Supreme Court with questions: 720-625-5406.