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12th Judicial District announces District Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Twelfth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Alamosa Combined Court on Oct. 4, 2019, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Twelfth Judicial District (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Chief Judge Pattie P. Swift. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 15, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Twelfth 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Christina Gallegos, 702 Fourth St., Alamosa, CO 81101. 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. Sept. 20, 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. 13, 2019.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twelfth Judicial District are: Carla Gomez of Center; Paul Motz of Alamosa; Armando Valdez of La Jara; Terry Wetherill and Charles Powers, both of Creede; Junita Martinez of San Luis; and John Montgomery of Del Norte.

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

- Carla Gomez, PO Box 1060, Center, CO 81125
- Paul Motz, PO Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101
- Armando Valdez, 20503 State Hwy 371, La Jara, CO 81140
- Terry Wetherill, PO Box 454, Creede, CO 81130
- Junita Martinez, 23684 County Rd. J2, San Luis, CO 81152
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- John Montgomery, 660 Grande Ave., Del Norte, CO 81132

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. 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 12th Judicial District in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on September 20, 2019 to the following email address:

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 September 20, 2019.
5. Call Nikky in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5175.