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## **New District Court judgeship created in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Seventeenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Nov. 6, 2019 at the Adams County Justice Center, 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton, CO 80601, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Seventeenth Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties). The new district court judgeship was created pursuant to SB 19-043 and is effective Jan.1, 2020.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Seventeenth 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 retained 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 Carlos A. Samour, Jr., 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive, Simone Jones, Deputy Court Executive, 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton, CO 80601. Applications are also 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 Oct. 9, 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. on Oct. 2, 2019

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventeenth Judicial District are:  
Daniel Carr, Jennifer Chavez, Joann Dawe, Westminster; Christina Gomez, Commerce City;  
Linda Rodriguez, Broomfield; Michelle Stermer, and Gina Weitzenkorn, Aurora.

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- Christina Gomez, 555 17<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 3200, Denver, CO 80202
- Linda Rodriguez, 1617 Daphne St., Broomfield, CO 80020
- Michelle Stermer, 1800 Larimer St., Ste. 1400, Denver, CO 80202
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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.

3. 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 may submit **letters of reference from up to three** 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 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in the subject line** attaching your materials as compiled above no later than **4 p.m. on October 9, 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.**

7. Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on October 9, 2019.**
8. Call Nikky or Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions:  
720-625-5150