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Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats to retire *Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees*

DENVER – The Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission will meet via videoconference on Nov. 5 and 6 to review applications and to interview candidates and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Colorado Supreme Court. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats, effective Jan. 22, 2021.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$188,151. The initial term of office of a Supreme Court justice is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent justice, if retained by the voters, has a term of 10 years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats, or from Supreme Court Clerk Cheryl Stevens, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203. 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. 19, 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.
Oct. 12, 2020.

The members of the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Katina Banks, Daniel Ramos, and Regina Rodriguez, all of Denver; Shannon Stevenson of Louisville; Kimberly Jordan of Fort Collins; Linda Garcia of Pueblo; J. Martelle Daniels of Grand Junction; Deborah Suniga of Greeley; Stanton Dodge of Castle Rock; Jay Patel and David McDivitt, both of Colorado Springs; C. Omar Montgomery of Aurora; Carolyn Fairless of Lakewood; and Heather Lipp and Danielle Radovich Piper, both of Golden.

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Application instructions are on the following page.

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 Supreme Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **October 19, 2020** 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 email **Nikky Conn at the address below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on **October 19, 2020**.
5. Email Nikky Conn in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: nikky.conn@judicial.state.co.us.