

2014 Twentieth Judicial District Overview

The Twentieth Judicial District encompasses Boulder County and serves a population estimated at 305,318. Court facilities are located in Boulder and Longmont. In Longmont, the caseload is primarily county court and small claims cases. During state fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013), 31,200 cases were filed in the 20th Judicial District with 10,668 cases in district court and 20,532 cases in county court.

There are a total of 18 judges and magistrates in the district. Nine judges and three (2.8 FTE) magistrates sit in district court. District court judges preside over felony criminal matters, civil cases over \$15,000, domestic relations cases, as well as juvenile, probate, and mental health cases. There are five judges and one magistrate in county court. County court has jurisdiction over civil cases under \$15,000 in value, and all misdemeanor and traffic cases. County court judges also preside over preliminary hearings in nearly all criminal cases. Magistrates are non-elected judicial officers responsible to the chief judge. Their duties are defined by Colorado Supreme Court rules and state statutes.

The Twentieth Judicial District operates on a cooperative docket system. It is essential that all judicial officers be willing to share work on any given day. One of the most important goals of the district is that all cases be resolved when set and litigants are never required to return on a different day because the assigned judge is unable to handle a matter. In addition, in the event of illness or disability each judicial officer is expected to cover other dockets as may be necessary.

The Twentieth Judicial District has 153 FTE staff in the probation (59 FTE) and trial court offices (94 FTE). Two staff provide support to each judge in district court. A pool of court reporters also provide support for the district court. Each county court judge is assigned 1.5 FTE judicial assistants. Magistrates are supported by one judicial assistant. Staff members in the Clerk of Court office provide services such as maintaining court records, providing copies, answering questions, facilitating child support payments, or assisting with restitution and victims' assistance. The Probation Department staff provide supervision for adult and juvenile defendants.

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Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission

(Boulder County)

Updated: January 1, 2014

Name	Party	Atty. or Non-Atty	Term of Office		County of Residence
			Beginning	Ending	
Karla Rikansrud	D	Non-Atty	01/01/14	12/31/19	Boulder
Polly Jessen	D	Attorney	08/25/09	12/31/14	Boulder
Michael Beylkin	R	Attorney	01/01/13	12/31/18	Boulder
William Flowers, Jr.	D	Attorney	02/12/09	12/31/14	Boulder
Leslie Eaton	R	Non-Atty	11/10/10	12/31/15	Boulder
Briggs Gamblin	D	Non-Atty	01/01/10	12/31/15	Boulder
Joel Champion	R	Non-Atty	01/01/13	12/31/18	Boulder

Rules of Procedure for Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission

Adopted: August 16, 1977, Amended June 23, 1980

I. Public Notice of Vacancies.

The Chairman, when a vacancy exists, shall forthwith issue a press release to all daily and weekly newspapers within the district or county, as may be appropriate, the Associated Press and United Press International, announcing the existence of the vacancy, that applications may be obtained from and filed by a certain date with the Chairman, and that the applications will be accorded confidentiality.

II. Processing Applications.

The Chairman shall process all applications and shall, prior to interview sessions, furnish each Commission member with a file containing a copy of each application and copies of all letters received from references and opposing counsel in cases listed by the applicant.

III. Quorum.

A quorum of the Commission shall be four voting members. However, official action of the Commission shall be determined only by a majority of all the voting members of the Commission.

IV. Confidentiality.

All Commission records, proceedings and business, including the names of applicants and the names of nominees submitted to the Governor, shall be confidential and shall not be discussed outside the Commission meetings, except to the extent necessary to conduct investigations of applicants. All communications, within or without the Commission, shall be marked "Confidential" and persons contacted orally or by letter shall be requested to treat the inquiry as confidential. The names of the nominees will be released to the press, radio and television at the same time as they are submitted to the Governor.

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