

UPDATE: The Judicial Department will hold a presentation and webinar on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, from 12-1 p.m. for those interested in learning more about this opportunity to join the bench. First Judicial District Chief Judge Jeffrey Pilkington; Nominating Commissioner Jeanie Vela; and Jenna Goldstein, Deputy Legal Counsel to Gov. Jared Polis will share their thoughts and answer questions. In-person attendance is preferred in the jury assembly room at the Jefferson County Combined Courts. To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).



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First Judicial District announces District Court vacancy
Commission sets date to select nominees

The First Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Jefferson County courthouse on Jan. 17, 2023, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Laura A. Tighe. The vacancy will occur on March 1, 2023.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the First Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for this position is \$183,816. 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 Richard L. Gabriel, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the

court executive, Gail Pickarts, 100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Golden, CO 80401. 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. on Jan. 6, 2023. 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 Dec. 30, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the First Judicial District are: Alison Sheahan and Tracy Schroeder, both of Littleton; Jeanie Vela of Arvada; Linza Douglas and Danielle Piper, both of Golden; and Laura Martinez of Lakewood. The commission has one vacancy.

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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 must be saved as a PDF file and 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 must 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 and sent directly to the Ex-Officio Chair of the Commission 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 1st Jefferson County JD in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **January 6, 2023** 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 Erin Graves at the address below to confirm receipt.**

4. Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on January 6, 2023.**
5. Email Erin Graves in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us.