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Eighth Judicial District announces Larimer County Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Eighth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Larimer County Justice Center on Oct. 12, 2022, to select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Larimer County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Mary Joan Berenato. The vacancy will occur on Sept. 17, 2022.

An appointment by the governor was previously made for this vacancy. Following the appointment and formal announcement, the appointee declined the judgeship. As a result, this opportunity has been reopened. This position will serve at the Loveland Police and Courts building unless the assignment is modified by the Chief Judge.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Larimer County at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$175,908. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years. If you previously applied for this vacancy, you need to resubmit your application and related materials.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Kristin R. Browning, 201 La Porte Ave., Ste. 100, Fort Collins, CO 80521.

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 Sept. 28, 2022. 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 Sept. 21, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the Eighth Judicial District are: Stephen Tool of Windsor; Jill Honnecke of Coalmont; Kathleen Smith, Robert Bacon, and Jordan Wiswell of Fort Collins; and Dawn Grimes and Stanley Matsunaka of Loveland.

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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 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 8th JD Larimer County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than **4 p.m. on September 28, 2022**, 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 September 28, 2022.**
5. Email Valerie Dewey in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us