



news

Colorado Judicial Department
Brian D. Boatright, Chief Justice
Steven Vasconcellos, State Court Administrator

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Dec. 8, 2022

Contact: Robert McCallum or Jon Sarché
720-625-5815
720-625-5811

robert.mccallum@judicial.state.co.us
jon.sarche@judicial.state.co.us

Rio Blanco County Court and Rio Blanco Associate County Court judge finalists selected *Governor to appoint new county court judge*

The Ninth Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for the Rio Blanco County and Rio Blanco Associate County Court judgeship created by the death of the Hon. Joe Fennessy, effective Nov. 11, 2022. Nominees Jay Edwards of Meeker, Phillip Smith of Grand Junction, and Janelle Surace of Rifle, were selected in an online meeting on Dec. 7, 2022.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Dec. 8, 2022, within which to appoint one of the nominees as county court judge for the Rio Blanco County Court and Rio Blanco Associate County Court.

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us

Editor's Note: Contact information for the three nominees

- Jay Edwards, 101 Ute Road, Meeker, CO 81641, 970-878-3403
- Phillip Smith, 3074 Alegre Court, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 970-216-6492
- Janelle Surace, 109 8th St., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, 970-384-3502

This information is provided as an e-mail service of the Colorado State Judicial Department, Office of State Court Administrator, 1300 Broadway, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80203. To discontinue this service or update your e-mail address, please respond to this message with your name, contact information and any comments.