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Ninth Judicial District announces Rio Blanco County Court and Rio Blanco County Associate Court vacancies *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Ninth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet via Webex on Dec. 7, 2022, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the offices of county judge and associate county judge for Rio Blanco County. The vacancies will be created by the death of the Honorable Joe Fennessy. The vacancies occurred on Nov. 11, 2022.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Rio Blanco County at the time of investiture and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. Pursuant to C.R.S. 13-6-209, the associate county judge shall maintain his or her official residence in Rio Blanco County and court chambers in the city of Rangely. The county judge must also reside in Rio Blanco County and shall maintain court chambers in Meeker. The annual salary for each of these positions is \$35,181, and each position is a 20 percent position. 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.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Carlos A. Samour, Jr., 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of

the court executive, Lynn Reed, 109 8th Street, Suite 300, Glenwood Springs CO 81601.

Applications also are available on the court's home page

<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 Nov. 30, 2022. Late applications will not be considered.

Applicants must indicate whether they intend to apply for one or both vacancies. Any person wishing to suggest a candidate to fill either of these vacancies 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 Nov. 28, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the 9th Judicial District are: Lauren Maytin and Blanca O'Leary, both of Aspen; Sheryl Barto and Samuel Crary, both of Carbondale; Angela Strode of Rifle; and Rachel Gates of Meeker.

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This Commission currently has one vacancy.

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>
Please be complete and thorough in answering the questions. If an answer to any question requires more space than provided, attach a separate page for the question(s). 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. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. If they are submitted directly by the author, they must 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 9th JD Rio Blanco County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **Nov. 30, 2022** to the following email address:

judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us

Your email must indicate if you are applying for one or both of the vacancies

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 Nov. 30, 2022.**

5. Email Erin Graves in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions:
erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us.