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## **11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District announces District Court vacancies** *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet June 13, 2022, at the Fremont Combined Courts (136 Justice Center Road, Canon City, CO 81212) to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Eleventh Judicial District (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park counties). The vacancies will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Ramsey Lama and the retirement of the Honorable Stephen E. Groome. The vacancies will occur on July 23, 2022 and Nov. 9, 2022, respectively.

While each position is a district-wide position, and the appointed judge would occasionally appear in the other counties in the District, one of the positions is primarily in Park County and the other position is primarily in Fremont County. If the applicant is applying for one specific position and would not be able to accept appointment to the other position, they should note this in their application.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Eleventh Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current 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 Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Lisa Rowe, Fremont Combined Courts (136 Justice Center Road, Canon City, CO 81212). 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 May 27, 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 May 20, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventeenth Judicial District are: William Holt, of Westcliffe; Tawny Peyton, of Buena Vista; Julie Katz, of Coaldale; Marianne Wancura, Randy Canney, and Richard Gast, of Salida. This commission currently 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> JD Fremont and Park County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **May 27, 2022** to the following email address:

**[judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us](mailto: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 May 27, 2022.**
5. Email Erin Graves in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: [erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us).