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12th Judicial District announces Conejos County Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Twelfth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet via videoconference on March 23, 2022, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Conejos County. The vacancy will be created by the appointment of the Honorable Kimberly Cortez-Rodriguez to the district court. The vacancy will occur on April 1, 2022.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Conejos 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. The annual salary for this position is \$68,313, and it is a 40 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 Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Christina Wingert, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 and 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129. 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 March 11, 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 March 4, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twelfth Judicial District are: Terry Wetherill and Charles Powers, of Creede; Junita Martinez, of San Luis; John Montgomery, of Del Norte; James Valenti, of Alamosa; Emma Martinez, of La Jara; and Christine Canaly of Crestone.

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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. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. 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 Conejos County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **March 11, 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 **March 11, 2022**.
5. Email Erin Graves in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: erin.graves@judicial.state.co.us