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

The Sixteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Otero County Courthouse (13 West Third Street, La Junta, CO 81050) on May 25, 2022, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District (Bent, Crowley and Otero counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Michael A. Schiferl. The vacancy will occur on July 2, 2022.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Sixteenth 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 \$178,452. 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 Monica M. Márquez, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, C.J. Montoya, 13 West Third Street, Room 207, La Junta, CO 81050.

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 April 29, 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 April 22, 2022.

The members of the nominating commission for the Sixteenth Judicial District are: Bernice McClure of Olney Springs; Kacie Sallee of Fowler; Norma Verhoeff of McClave; James Tutchtont of Hasty; Edward Garlington and Andrew Hayden of La Junta.

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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 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **April 29, 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 April 29, 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).