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

The Eighteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Arapahoe County Justice Center on June 30, 2023, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Cynthia Mares. The vacancy will occur on Sept. 1, 2023.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Eighteenth 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 Maria E. Berkenkotter, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Shaun Clark, 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112. 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 June 16, 2023. 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 June 9, 2023.

The members of the nominating commission for the Eighteenth Judicial District are: Tracie Keesee of Elizabeth; Stephen Burg of Lone Tree; Troy Porras of Parker; Louis Martin of Rush; Emily Valdez of Centennial; and Becky Hogan and Eric Nesbitt of Aurora..

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**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 18<sup>th</sup> JD Arapahoe County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **June 16, 2023** 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 **Magdalene Vongsakoun** at the address below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on **June 16, 2023**.
5. Email Magdalene Vongsakoun in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: [magdalene.vongsakoun@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:magdalene.vongsakoun@judicial.state.co.us).