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14th Judicial District announces District Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Fourteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Routt County Combined Court on Nov. 7, 2023, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District (Grand, Moffat and Routt counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Sandra H. Gardner. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 1, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Fourteenth 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 \$193,008. 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 Carlos A. Samour Jr., 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Peggy Gentles, 1955 Shield Dr., Unit 200, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.

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 Oct. 5, 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 Sept. 28, 2023. Under the rules of the 14th Judicial District Nominating Commission, names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating commission for the Fourteenth Judicial District are: Staci Nichols of Craig; Sandra Doudna of Grand Lake; Casey Quillen, Matthew Tjosvold, Randall Salky, Ryan Dougherty, and Linda “Lulu” Gould of Steamboat Springs.

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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 and any attachments must be submitted as a single PDF file with reference letters attached last. The application should be in text searchable format. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. However, if they are submitted directly by the author, they must be submitted by email as described below in paragraph 3. All letters of reference are due 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 14th JD District Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **October 5, 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 **Tory Clark** at the address below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on **October 5, 2023.**
5. Email Tory Clark in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: tory.clark@judicial.state.co.us