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

The Seventeenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Adams County Justice Center on Dec. 20, 2023, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Seventeenth Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties). The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Roberto Ramírez. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 6, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Seventeenth 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 Maria E. Berkenkotter, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive, Patricia Kmitta, 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton, CO 80601. Applications also are available on the court's web site 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 Dec. 4, 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 Nov. 27, 2023.

The members of the nominating commission for the Seventeenth Judicial District are: Jonathan Datz and Andrew “Andy” Kramer of Broomfield; Martin Flaum and Jennifer Hostetter of Westminster; and Michelle Stermer and Gina Weitzenkorn of Aurora. This commission has one vacancy.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> JD Adams County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **December 4, 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 listed below to confirm receipt.

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