



# News Release

## Colorado Judicial Branch

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### **Fifth Judicial District Announces Class B County Court Vacancy** *Commission sets July 24 to select nominees*

The Fifth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on July 24, 2024, at the Summit County Justice Center, 501 N. Park Avenue, Breckenridge, CO 80424, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Summit County. The vacancy will be created by the Honorable Edward J. Casias not standing for re-election in 2024. The vacancy will occur on January 4, 2025.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a qualified elector of Summit County at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$184,704. 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, Chief Justice Brian Boatright, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the Office of the Court Executive, 501 N. Park Avenue, Breckenridge, CO 80424. Applications are also available on the court's home page at [courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm](https://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 July 2, 2024. 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 25, 2024.

The nominating commission members for the fifth Judicial District are Chris Romer of Vail; Phyllis Adams of Idaho Springs; Karen McCarthy of Leadville; and Patricia Oliver, Maryjo Zweig and Sarah Thorsteinson of Breckenridge.

**Editor's Note:** Contact information for the nominating commission members:

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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 [courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm](https://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.

You may submit letters of reference from not less than three and no more than five individuals who are able to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position.

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 5<sup>th</sup> JD Summit County Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **July 2, 2024**, 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 call the Supreme Court at the telephone number listed below.

4. Your application must be received no later than: 4 p.m. on July 2, 2024.
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150