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9th Judicial District Announces District Court Vacancy ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The Ninth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Pitkin County Courthouse, 506 E Main Street, Aspen, CO 81611 on August 21, 2024, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Ninth Judicial District (Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco counties). The vacancy will be created by the Honorable Christopher Seldin not standing for retention in 2024. The vacancy will occur on October 5, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Ninth Judicial District at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current 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 Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive Lynn Reed, Garfield County Courthouse 109 8th St., Suite 104, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. Applications are also available on the court's home page at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities.

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 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 4:00 p.m. on July 24, 2024.

The members of the nominating commission for the Ninth Judicial District are Angela Strode of Rifle; Blanca O'Leary of Aspen; Rachel Gates of Meeker; Sheryl Barto, Chris McDowell, and Samuel Crary of Carbondale.

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP
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Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. Your application materials compiled as outlined above should be sent via email with **your name and 9th JD Pitkin Co. District Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **July 31, 2024**, to the following email address:

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.

5. Your application must be received no later than **4 p.m. on July 31, 2024**.
6. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150