



# News Release

## Colorado Judicial Branch

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## **20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court judge finalists selected**

### ***Governor to appoint new district court judge***

The Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Hon. Bruce D. Langer, effective Oct. 12, 2024. Nominees Elizabeth H. Kelley of Boulder, Michael Thomas Kotlarczyk and Thomas M. Ward of Lafayette were selected by the commission on Aug. 29, 2024.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from Aug. 30, 2024, to appoint one of the nominees as district court judge for the Twentieth Judicial District (Boulder County).

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at [gov\\_judicialappointments@state.co.us](mailto:gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us).

**Editor's Note:** Contact information for the three nominees

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- Michael Thomas Kotlarczyk. 1300 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, CO 80203. 720-508-6187.
- Thomas M. Ward. 1777 6<sup>th</sup> St., Boulder, CO 80302. 720-664-1571

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