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11th Judicial District announces District Court vacancy ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The Eleventh Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on December 3, 2024, at Fremont Combined Court, 136 Justice Center Rd., Canon City, CO 81212, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Eleventh Judicial District (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park counties). The new district court judge will primarily preside in Fremont County, so the interviews will be at the courthouse in Canon City. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Hon. Patrick W. Murphy. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 1, 2025.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Eleventh 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 \$198,798. 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 Berkenkotter, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive Lisa Rowe, Fremont Combined Court, 136 Justice Center Rd., Canon City, CO. Applications are also available on the court's home page at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities.

The completed application must be emailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than Nov. 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. 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 Nov. 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

The members of the nominating commission for the Eleventh Judicial District are Debra Adams of Westcliff; Brian Bumbarger of Como; Julie Katz of Coaldale; Tawny Peyton of Buena Vista; and Marianne Stein Wancura, Randy Canney, and Richard 'Dick' Gast all of Salida.

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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.

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 11th JD Fremont District Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **November 20, 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 email **Tory Clark** at the address below to confirm receipt.

4. Your application must be received no later than 4 p.m. on **November 20, 2024**.
5. Email Tory Clark in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office with questions: tory.clark@judicial.state.co.us