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21st Judicial District announces District Court vacancy *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Twenty-first Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Mesa County Justice Center on May 13, 2024, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Twenty-first Judicial District (Mesa County). The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Richard T. Gurley. The vacancy will occur on June 1, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Twenty-first 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. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Will Sightler, 125 N. Spruce St., Grand Junction, CO 81501. Applications also are available on the court's website 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 April 15, 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 April 8, 2024.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twenty-first Judicial District are: Lori Buck of Mesa; David Combs of Clifton; and Denise Rodriguez, Cynthia Graves, Anne Murphy, J. Martelle Daniels and Daniella Correa Shively, all of Grand Junction.

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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.

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 21st JD Mesa County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **April 15, 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 **April 15, 2024**.
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150