



# News Release

## Colorado Judicial Branch

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

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

The Thirteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Hon. Charles M. Hobbs, effective October 2, 2024. The commission selected Nominees Dina M. Christiansen of Wellington, Joseph W. Hardy, Jr. of Tucson, AZ, and Tricia A. Matuszczak of Sterling on July 30, 2024.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from July 31, 2024, within which to appoint one of the nominees as district court judge for the Thirteenth Judicial District (Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties).

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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- Tricia A. Matuszczak – 330 W. Main St., Suite B, Sterling, CO 80751. 970-522-4046

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