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22nd Judicial District announces Montezuma County Court vacancy ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The Twenty-second Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on September 30, 2024, at the Montezuma Combined Courts, 865 North Park Street, Ste. 100, Cortez, CO 81321, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Montezuma County. The vacancy will be created by the appointment of the Hon. JenniLynn E. Lawrence to the 21st Judicial District Mesa County District Court bench. The vacancy will occur on September 28, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Montezuma County at the time of investiture and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Education Development test. The annual salary for this position is \$190,245. A county judge's initial term of office is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice William Hood, III, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203; and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, Court Executive, 970- 565-1111, 865 North Park Street, Ste. 100, Cortez, CO 81321. 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 September 16, 2024, at 4 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 September 9, 2024, at 4 p.m.

The members of the nominating commission for the 22nd Judicial District are Bryson McCabe of Dolores, Erin Johnson of Rico, Darwin Whiteman of Towaoc, Clarisa Feuilly Osborn of Cortez, and Peter Ortego and MB McAfee, both of Lewis.

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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 <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 22nd JD Montezuma County** in the subject line with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **September 16, 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 **September 16, 2024**.
5. Email Tory Clark in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: tory.clark@judicial.state.co.us