



# News Release

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## **22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Announces Dolores County Court Vacancy** *Commission sets date to reselect nominees*

The Twenty-second Judicial District Nominating Commission will convene virtually on Dec. 16, 2024, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Dolores County. The vacancy was created by the appointment of the Honorable Ian J. MacLaren to the Montezuma County Court bench, which was effective on Nov. 18, 2024.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Dolores 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 part-time position is \$38,049, and it is a 20 percent position. A county judge's initial term of office is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, if approved by the voters, the incumbent county judge has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Brian Boatright, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, 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](http://coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities).

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, 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 Dec. 4, 2024.

The members of the nominating commission for the Twenty-second 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 [coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities](https://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 22<sup>nd</sup> JD – Dolores County Court in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **December 11, 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. Please add this email address to your contacts so that email does not get filtered into your spam.

4. Your application must be received no later than 4 p.m. on **December 11, 2024**.
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions at 720-625-5150.