



## News Release

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### **13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District announces County Court vacancy** ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The 13th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on July 10, 2025, via Webex conferencing to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county court for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Philips County). The vacancy was created by the appointment of the Honorable Kimbra L. Killin to the 13<sup>th</sup> JD District Court bench. The vacancy occurred on June 13, 2025.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Philips 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 \$39,000, and it is a 20 percent position. The initial term of office of a county judge 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 Melissa Hart, 2 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of

the court executive, Jennifer Elliott, 970-521-0609, and the clerk of court, Kathy Browning, 970-762-7010. 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 June 30, 2025, by 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 June 23, 2025, by 4 p.m.

The members of the nominating commission for the 13th Judicial District are:

Curtis Fix of Wray; Kelly Lowery of Sterling; Anna Scott of Julesburg; Raymond Laws of Fort Morgan; Jordan Willeke of Otis; and Jerold Brandt of Holyoke.

**Editor's Note:** Contact information for the nominating commission members.

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For questions about this announcement, please contact the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office at: 720-625-5150

**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 [coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> JD Phillips County in the subject line** with your materials attached as outlined above **no later than 4 p.m. on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025** 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 June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150

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