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9th Judicial District announces Two District Court vacancies ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The 9th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on August 18, 2025, at the Garfield County Courthouse, 109 8th Street, Suite 104, Glenwood Springs CO, 81601, to interview and select nominees for two appointments by the governor to the office of district court for the 9th Judicial District (Garfield, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco counties). Both vacancies will be created by the retirements of the Hon. John F. Neiley and Hon. Denise K. Lynch. The vacancies will occur on October 8, 2025, and November 29, 2025, respectively.

To be eligible, the applicants must be a qualified elector of the 9th 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 \$198,798.24. 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 William Hood, III., 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive, Lynn Reed, 109 8th Street, Suite 104, Glenwood Springs, CO

81601. 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 4 p.m. on August 1, 2025. 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 July 25, 2025, by 4 p.m.

The members of the nominating commission for the 9th Judicial District are:

Angela Strode of Rifle; Nicole VandeBoom and Blanca O'Leary of Aspen; Beth Klein, Chris McDowell, and Samuel Crary of Carbondale.

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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.

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 9th JD Garfield District Court** in the subject line with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **August 1, 2025** 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 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 August 1, 2025.**
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150

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