Rules of Procedure for Nineteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission

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These rules are adopted by The Judicial Nominating Commission for the Nineteenth Judicial District of the State of Colorado to supplement the provisions of Article VI, Sections 20 and 24 of the Constitution of Colorado.

I. Public Notice of Vacancies.

The Chairman, when a vacancy exists, shall forthwith issue a press release to all daily and weekly newspapers within the district or county, as may be appropriate, the Associated Press and United Press International, announcing the existence of the vacancy, that applications may be obtained from and filed by a certain date with the Chairman, and that the applications will be accorded confidentiality.

II. Processing Applications.

The Chairman shall process all applications and shall, prior to interview sessions, furnish each Commission member with a file containing a copy of each application and copies of all letters received from references and opposing counsel in cases listed by the applicant.

III. Quorum.

A quorum of the Commission shall be four voting members. However, official action of the Commission shall be determined only by a majority of all the voting members of the Commission.

IV. Confidentiality.

In order to encourage as many qualified persons as possible to apply for judicial positions, all Commission records, proceedings and business, including the names of applicants, shall be confidential and shall not be discussed outside the Commission meetings, except to the extent necessary to conduct investigations of applicants. All communications, within or without the Commission, shall be marked "Confidential" and persons contacted by letter or orally shall be requested to treat the inquiry as confidential. The names of nominees forwarded to the Governor shall be released publicly immediately after such names shall have been received by the Governor.

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