



# News Release

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### **6th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected** ***Governor to appoint new district court judge***

The 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated two candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Honorable Suzanne F. Carlson effective October 1, 2025.

Nominees Justin Patrick Fay of Pagosa Springs and R. Reid Stewart of Hesperus were selected by the commission on August 4, 2025.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today, within which to appoint one of the nominees as a district court judge for the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (La Plata County).

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at [gov\\_judicialappointments@state.co.us](mailto:gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us)

**Editor's Note:** Contact information for the three nominees

- Justin Patrick Fay: 109 Harman Park Dr., Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. 970-264-8160.

- R. Reid Stewart: La Plata Combined Courts, 1060 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Durango, CO 81301.  
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