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7th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judge

The 7th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Honorable Mary E. Deganhart, effective January 1, 2026.

Nominees Laura E. H. Harvell of Olathe, Julie J. Huffman of Montrose, and James R. McDonald of Lake City were selected by the commission on November 7, 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 7th Judicial District (Montrose County).

Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us

Editor's Note: Contact information for the three nominees

- Laura E. H. Harvell – 1200 North Grand Avenue, Bin A, Montrose, CO 81401. 970-252-4300.

- Julie J. Huffman – 1501 E. 3rd Street, Delta, CO 81416. 970-874-2245.
- James R. McDonald – 317 Henson St., Lake City, CO 81235 and 120 N. Taylor St., Gunnison, CO 81230. 970-944-2227.

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