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6th Judicial District announces La Plata County Court judgeship ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on December 1, 2025, at La Plata County Courthouse, 1060 East Second Ave., Durango, CO 81301, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for La Plata County. The vacancy was created by the appointment of the Honorable R. Reid Stewart from the La Plata County Court bench to the 6th Judicial District Court bench. The vacancy will occur on January 2, 2026.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of La Plata County at the time of investiture and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$195,001.25. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if retained 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 Brian Boatright, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive, Eric Hogue, 970-247-2304 at La Plata County Courthouse, 1060

East Second Ave., Durango, CO 81301. 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 November 18, 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 November 11, 2025, by 4 p.m. Under the rules of the 6th Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission, the names of the applicants shall be made public once the application period is closed.

The members of the nominating commission for the Sixth Judicial District are: James Garrett of Pagosa Springs; Sarah Moore of Silverton; and Maya Kane, Barrie Newberger King, James Cross, and Paul DeBell, all of Durango.

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**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 <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm> 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 6th JD La Plata County Court** in the subject line with your materials attached as outlined above no later than 4 p.m. on **November 18, 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 November 18, 2025.**
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150

