



# News Release

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### **6th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected**

#### ***Governor to appoint new county court judge***

The 6th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a county court judgeship created on November 12, 2025, by the appointment of the Honorable Anthony D. Edwards to the Archuleta County Court bench.

Nominees Laura N. Freeman of Montrose, Shane E. Goranson of Durango, and Kelly Jean Tompkins of Silverton were selected by the commission on December 1, 2025.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today, within which to appoint one of the nominees as a county court judge for the 6th Judicial District (San Juan 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

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- Shane E. Goranson – 679 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Unit 9, Durango, CO 81301. 505-333-7553.

- Kelly Jean Tompkins – P.O. Box 258, Silverton, CO 81433. 817-597-7209.

For questions about this announcement, please contact the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office at: 720-625-5150.

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