

# **JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

*NOTE: Please refer to the INSTRUCTION SHEET that corresponds to the specific vacancy for which you are applying.*

(designate vacancy for which application is being made)

**I. The information you provide in questions 1 – 28 is public information and will be released upon request if the applicant's name is forwarded to the Governor for consideration of appointment.**

## **A. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Full Name, including middle name or initial:
  
2. Birth year<sup>1</sup>:
  
3. Attorney Registration Number:
  
4. Work Address:
  
5. Work Telephone:
  
6. List your places of residence for the past five years.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>County</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Used for aggregate data tracking and to ensure compliance with Colo. Const. Art. VI., §23(1), which requires a judge or justice to retire upon attaining the age of 72.

## **B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

7. List the names and locations of schools attended, beginning with high school.

Name	Location	Dates Attended	Degree

8. List scholarships, awards, honors, and commendations you received during college and law school.

## **C. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

9. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice, with year of admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies which require special admission to practice.

Bar Admission	Date

10. Indicate your present employment (list professional partners or associates, if any, and include dates of employment). If you currently practice law, describe the nature of your present law practice, listing the major types of law you practice and the percentage each constitutes of your total practice.

- 11.** List any other areas of law in which you have significant practice experience (include dates and organizations).
- 12.** List any additional professional or business employment since completion of your formal education (include dates and organizations). Please also attach a resume of not more than three pages to this application.
- 13.** Have you practiced in the trial courts of Colorado within the past five years? If so, please state what percentage of your total practice your trial practice constituted and the types of matters handled.
- 14.** If you are applying for an appellate judgeship, please state whether you have practiced in the appellate courts of Colorado within the past five years? If so, please state the number and the types of appellate matters handled during this time.
- 15.** List five litigated cases in which you participated as a judge or lawyer in the past five years, the names of the judges presiding, and the names of counsel involved. Please list the current telephone number (including area code) for each person identified.

**1.** Case Name/Number:

Presiding Judge:

Phone:

Court:

Judicial District:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for plaintiff's/petitioner's counsel:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for defense/respondent's counsel:

Briefly describe the case and your involvement:

**2.** Case Name/Number:

Presiding Judge:

Phone:

Court:

Judicial District:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for plaintiff's/petitioner's counsel:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for defense/respondent's counsel:

Briefly describe the case and your involvement:

**3.** Case Name/Number:

Presiding Judge:

Phone:

Court:

Judicial District:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for plaintiff's/petitioner's counsel:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for defense/respondent's counsel:

Briefly describe the case and your involvement:

**4. Case Name/Number:**

Presiding Judge:

Phone:

Court:

Judicial District:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for plaintiff's/petitioner's counsel:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for defense/respondent's counsel:

Briefly describe the case and your involvement:

**5. Case Name/Number:**

Presiding Judge:

Phone:

Court:

Judicial District:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email addresses for plaintiff's/petitioner's counsel:

List name(s), telephone number(s) and email address for defense/respondent's counsel:

Briefly describe the case and your involvement:

**16.** List any law-related lectures, speeches, or other presentations you have given and any such books or articles you have authored within the last five years.

#### **D. PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**17.** Describe your participation and leadership in professional and community organizations, including offices held, committees, awards, honors, and citations (include approximate dates).

**18.** List all public offices to which you were appointed or elected (include dates served). Have you had any military or other public service? If so, please give details.

**19.** Have you ever been a member of a Judicial Nominating Commission? If so, please give details, including the judicial district and the dates of service. (Please be aware that

nominating commission members are ineligible for appointment as judges for as many as three years after service on a nominating commission. Colo. Const. art. VI, § 24(4) (one year for judicial district commissioners; three years for statewide commissioners)).

#### **E. REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH JUDICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**If appointed to the bench, you will be required to comply with the canons contained in the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct.**

- 20.** Are you familiar with the Commission on Judicial Discipline and its function?
- 21.** Do you understand a judge is required to file reports of compensation for quasi-judicial and extra-judicial activities in conformance with the Code of Judicial Conduct?
- 22.** Do you understand that a judge must comply with the Public Official Disclosure Law (Section 24-6-202, C.R.S.)?
- 23.** If you are now active in partisan politics, would you cease such activity if you are appointed to judicial office?
- 24.** Are you now an officer or director of any business organization or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? If so, please give details.

#### **F. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 25.** Describe how you spend your leisure time (including special interests, hobbies, reading preferences, vacation activities).

- 26.** List the names of no more than five individuals from whom you are requesting letters of reference.
- 27.** Please attach a statement (not to exceed 400 words total for each subpart), double-spaced, discussing: **(a)** your knowledge of and experience with the court served by the judgeship for which you are applying; and **(b)** the reasons why you wish to be appointed to this vacancy and the qualities you would bring to the bench if appointed.
- 28.** If you are applying for an appellate judgeship, you must submit with this application a sample of your legal writing of not more than twenty (20) pages.

**II. The following information in questions 29 – 44 is NOT public information to the extent allowed by law. It is for the use of the Nominating Commission, the Governor, and, if appointed, the State Court Administrator.**

#### **G. ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**29.** Home Address:

**30.** Date of Birth:

**31.** Personal Phone:

**32.** Personal Email Address:

**33.** Are you currently a qualified elector of the county or judicial district you are applying for? If not, please state your plan to become a qualified elector of the county or judicial district by the time of swearing in.

#### **H. ABILITY TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB-RELATED FUNCTIONS**

**34.** Are you able to perform the essential functions of the job with or without accommodation?

#### **I. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

**35.** Have you ever been disciplined or sanctioned for a breach or possible breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by the Attorney Regulation Committee, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the Colorado Supreme Court, the Commission on Judicial Discipline (including a private letter of admonition, reprimand, or censure), or by any administrative agency or disciplinary committee? If so, please give details.

36. Do you know if any investigation of you is underway at any administrative agency or disciplinary entity? If so, please give details.

37. Have you ever been summoned for, arrested for or charged with a felony, misdemeanor, or serious traffic offense (e.g., DUI, DWAI, Driving Under Suspension of a License, Reckless Driving)? If so, please give details. This question includes charges that have been deferred, dismissed, expunged, or pardoned.

38. Have you ever been a party to, or the subject of, or otherwise involved in any other legal proceedings, criminal or civil, including dissolution of marriage or bankruptcy proceedings? If so, please give details.

39. Have you ever been cited for contempt of court? If so, please give details.

#### **J. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

40. Do you have any sources of income other than your income from your practice of law or judicial position? If so, please identify the source and the approximate percentage of your total income it constituted over the past three years.

**41.** Do you have any financial interests, investments, or retainers which might conflict with the performance of your judicial duties? If so, please explain.

**42.** Have you ever failed to file your state or federal income tax return? If so, please explain.

**43.** Have you been found by the IRS or a state government to have willfully failed to properly disclose your income? If so, please give details.

**44.** Do you owe any unpaid taxes? If so, please explain.

## **JUDICIAL APPLICATION DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY (VOLUNTARY)**

For the purposes of studying the demographics of judicial applicants in Colorado, please complete a 2-minute Demographic Survey using the survey link below. The completion of the Demographic Survey is not required as part of your Judicial Application, and the information that you provide in the Demographic Survey will remain anonymous in that it will not be attributed to your name or linked to this application. However, the data collected by the Demographic Survey will be combined with the data of other applicants for purposes of studying the demographics of judicial applicants in Colorado.

Voluntary Demographic Survey Link:  
[Click Here](#)

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT**

I understand the submission of this application expresses my willingness to accept appointment to the judiciary of the State of Colorado, if tendered by the Governor, and further, my willingness to abide by the rules of the Judicial Nominating Commission with respect to my application and the Code of Judicial Conduct, if appointed. I hereby certify that the information given in this application is correct and complete.

Date:

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Signature of Applicant

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Print or Type Name

## **WAIVER**

I grant the Commission the right to examine the records of the Attorney Regulation Counsel and the records of the Commission on Judicial Discipline. I consent to the release of information by employers, schools, and law enforcement agencies to verify the information contained in this application.

Date:

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Signature of Applicant

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Print or Type Name