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21st Judicial District County Court judge finalists selected ***Governor to appoint new county court judge***

The 21st Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a county court judgeship created pursuant to SB25-024, effective July 1, 2026.

Nominees Courtney L. Dinnel of Brighton, Matthew Bryson Hardin of Grand Junction, and John Gregory Scott of Fruita were selected by the commission on April 21, 2026.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today to appoint one of the nominees as a county court judge for the 21st Judicial District (Mesa 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:

- Courtney L. Dinnel: 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton, CO, 80602. 303-654-3323
- Matthew Bryson Hardin: 125 N. Spruce St. Grand Junction, CO 81501. 970-257-8788

- John Gregory Scott: 505 Harrison Ave., Leadville, CO 80461. 719-293-8100

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