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4th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judges

The 4th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated five candidates for two district court judgeships, effective on July 1, 2026, and June 1, 2026, respectively, created by SB25-024 and the retirement of Judge David Prince.

Amy Patricia Cullen Cano, Tanya A. Karimi, Mary Kominek Linden, David Michael Lipka, and Lara Yoder Nafziger, all of Colorado Springs, were selected by the commission on April 9, 2026.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today to appoint two of the nominees as district court judges for the 4th Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties).

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

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