



# News Release

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### **5th Judicial District County Court judge finalists selected**

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

The 5th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a county court judgeship created pursuant to SB25-024, effective July 1, 2026.

Nominees Leslee K. Balten of Breckenridge, Joshua D. Savelkoul of Leadville, and Kristen M. Tarrin of Dove Creek were selected by the commission on April 22, 2026.

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 5th Judicial District (Eagle 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:

- Leslee K. Balten. 106 North French Street, Suite 230, P.O. Box 4408, Breckenridge, CO 80424. 303-451-0300.

- Joshua D. Savelkoul. 505 Harrison Ave., Leadville, CO 80461. 719-486-1186.
- Kristen M. Tarrin. 409 N. Main, P.O. Box 511, Dove Creek, CO 81324. 970-677-2258.

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

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