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7th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judge

The 7th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for a district court judgeship created pursuant to SB25-024, effective July 1, 2026

Nominees Joseph B. Gaffney of Olathe, Matthew Gregory Margeson of Bayfield, and James R. McDonald of Lake City were selected by the commission on April 20, 2026.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today to appoint one of the nominees as a district court judge for the 7th Judicial District (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties).

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:

- Joseph B. Gaffney: Delta Combined Court, 501 Palmer St. #338, Delta, CO 81416. 970-874-6280.
- Matthew Gregory Margeson: 949 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301. 970-375-5020.

- James R. McDonald. 317 Henson St., P.O. Box 151, Lake City, CO 81235. 970-944-2227.

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