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Colorado Court of Appeals announces court vacancy

Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees

DENVER— The Colorado Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission will meet on June 22, 2026, at the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Colorado Court of Appeals. The vacancy will be created by the Honorable Gilbert M. Román's retirement. The vacancy will occur on August 1, 2026.

To be eligible for appointment to fill a vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The annual salary for a court of appeals judge is currently \$212,535.14. The initial term of office of a Court of Appeals judge is a provisional two-year term. Thereafter, the incumbent judge, if retained by the voters, serves an eight-year term.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the Nominating Commission, Chief Justice Monica Márquez, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, or from the Court of Appeals Clerk, Tiffany Mortier, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203. Applications are also available on the court's home page at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities.

The completed application must be emailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later than 4 p.m. on May 27, 2026. Late applications will not be considered. Any person wishing to

suggest a candidate to fill the vacancy may do so by letter to be submitted to any member of the nominating commission, with a copy to the ex officio chair, no later than 4 p.m. on May 20, 2026.

The members of the nominating commission for the Supreme Court are: Peter Gould, of Boulder; Lisa Kaufmann, of Lyons; Daneya Esgar, of Pueblo; Steve ErkenBrack, of Grand Junction; Kevin Duffy, of Castle Rock; Patrick O'Rourke, of Highlands Ranch; Dr. Paul Wiggins, of Peyton; John Suthers, of Colorado Springs; Marco Chayet, of Centennial; Janet Buckner, of Aurora; Alejandra Major, of Lakewood; Edwin Perlmutter, of Arvada; Eva Henry, of Thornton; Jerome DeHerrera, of Westminster; Alvina Vasquez, of Wheat Ridge; and Ageno Otii and David Powell, both of Denver.

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APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities. Complete and thorough in answering the questions. If an answer to any question requires more space than provided, attach a separate page for the question(s). Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
2. Your application materials should be prepared in the following manner:

The application must be saved as a PDF file and in a text-searchable format. The electronic application does not need to contain a signature. If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, personal statement, reference letters) these documents must be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached last.

You must submit the names of not fewer than three nor more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. If they are submitted directly by the author, they must be submitted by email as described below in paragraph 3. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline listed in paragraph 4.

3. Your application materials compiled as outlined above should be sent via email with **your name and Court of Appeals – Román vacancy** in the subject line with your materials attached as outlined above, no later than 4 p.m. on **May 27, 2026**, to the following email address:

judicial.applicants@judicial.state.co.us

You should receive an automatic response to your email submission. If you do not, please call the Supreme Court at the telephone number listed below. Please add this email address to your contacts so that the email does not get filtered into your spam.

4. Your application must be received no later than 4 p.m. on **May 27, 2026**.
5. Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150