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16th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judge

The 16th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated two candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Honorable Chief Judge Mark A. MacDonnell, effective July 1, 2026.

Nominees Deni E. Eiring of Cheyenne Wells and Gail Lynn Morrison of La Junta were selected by the commission on May 6, 2026.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today within which to appoint one of the nominees as a district court judge for the 16th Judicial District (Bent, Crowley, and Otero 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 two nominees:

- Deni E. Eiring. P.O. Box 696, Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810. 719-767-5949.

- Gail Lynn Morrison. 402 Santa Fe #105, La Junta, CO 81050. 719-384-5448 Ext. 1277.

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