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19th Judicial District announces County Court vacancy ***Commission sets date to select nominees***

The 19th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet on Aug. 28, 2026, at 901 9th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county court judge for the 19th Judicial District (Weld County). The vacancy will be created by the Hon. Renee Doak's decision not to stand for retention. The vacancy will occur on Jan. 13, 2027.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Weld County at the time of investiture and admitted to the practice of law in Colorado. The current annual salary for this position is \$195,001.25. The initial term of office for a county judge is a provisional two-year term; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, serves a four-year term.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Susan Blanco, at 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and from the Office of the Court Executive, Marci Hoffman, 901 9th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631. 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 by 4 p.m. on Aug. 17, 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 Aug. 10, 2026, by 4 p.m.

The members of the nominating commission for the 19th Judicial District are: Annette Martinez of Windsor, Anita Susie Velasquez, Araceli Calderon, Brandi Nieto, Kevin Strobel, Brynne Gant, and Solomon Little Owl, all of Greeley.

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APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP
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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. Please be 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 and any attachments must be submitted as a single PDF file with reference letters attached last. The application should be in text searchable format.

You may submit letters of reference from not less than three and no more than five individuals who are able to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position.

It is preferred that reference letters are included with your application submission. However, if they are submitted directly by the author, they must be submitted by email as described below in paragraph 3. All letters of reference are due 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 19th JD Weld County in the subject line** with

your materials attached as outlined above no later than **4 p.m. on August 17, 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 email does not get filtered into your spam.

4) Your application must be received no later than: **4 p.m. on August 17, 2026.**

5) Call the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150

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