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17th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judge

The 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated two candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of Honorable Arturo G. Hernandez, effective on July 18, 2026.

Nominees Marques A. Ivey of Commerce City and Thomas M. Ward of Thornton were selected by the Commission on Aug. 13, 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 17th Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties). Comments regarding any of the nominees may be sent via e-mail to the governor at gov_judicialappointments@state.co.us.

Contact information for the nominees:

- Marques A. Ivey, 1100 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton, CO 80601, (303) 654-3206
- Thomas M. Ward, 1777 6th St., Boulder, CO 80302, (720) 664-1633

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

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