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8th Judicial District Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new district court judge

The 8th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated two candidates for a district court judgeship created by the retirement of the Honorable Juan G. Villaseñor, effective August 17, 2026.

Nominees Michael Deschenes of Fort Collins and Jeffrey Schwartz of Fort Collins were selected by the commission on August 28, 2026.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today, within which to appoint one of the nominees as district court judge for the 8th Judicial District (Larimer and Jackson 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:

- Michael Deschenes; 201 La Porte Ave, Ste. 200, Fort Collins CO 80521
- Jeffrey Schwartz; 201 La Porte Ave. Ste. 100, Fort Collins CO 80521

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

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