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Application Deadline Extended for Crowley County Court Vacancy

Commission sets new date to select nominees

The application deadline for a county court judgeship vacancy in Crowley County has been extended. The 16th Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Nov. 9, 2026, via Webex video conferencing, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Crowley County. The vacancy is created by the resignation of the Honorable Jeremy P. Boyce. The vacancy occurred on Oct. 9, 2026.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Crowley County at the time of investiture and have graduated from high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department of Education, based upon the record made on the General Educational Development test. The annual salary for this position is $68,250.44, and it is a 35% position. The initial term of office of a county judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent county judge, if approved by the voters, has a term of four years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Richard Gabriel, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203, and the office of the court executive C.J. Montoya, 719-384-4951. Applications are also available on the court's home page at coloradojudicial.gov/careers/judge-opportunities.

The completed application must be e-mailed to the address listed in the instructions below no later

than 4 p.m. on Nov. 5, 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 Oct. 29, 2026.

The members of the nominating commission for the 16th Judicial District are Charity Grasmick of Ordway; Joe Pentlicki and Cynthia Sollenbarger, both of Rocky Ford; and Ashley Ferguson, Geoffrey Barta, and Donald Davis, all of La Junta.

Contact information for the nominating commission members:

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- Geoffrey Barta, gbarta@colegalserv.org
- Charity Grasmick, cajgrasmick@gmail.com
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For questions about this announcement, please contact the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's Office at 720-625-5150.

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
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. 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 a 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 sent by email as described in paragraph 3 below. 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 16th JD – Crowley County in the subject line,** with your materials attached as outlined above, no later than **4 p.m. on Nov. 5, 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 Nov. 5, 2026.**

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