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Arapahoe County Court judge finalists selected

Governor to appoint new county court judge

The 18th Judicial District Nominating Commission has nominated three candidates for an Arapahoe County court judgeship, created by the retirement of the Hon. Kelly LaFave, effective Jan. 12, 2027.

Nominees Quiwana N. Chaney of Denver, Kristen Ruth Moussalli of Denver, and Patrick E. Thompson of unincorporated Douglas County were selected by the commission on Nov. 20, 2026 at the Arapahoe County Justice Center in Centennial.

Under the Colorado Constitution, the governor has 15 days from today, within which to appoint one of the nominees as a county court judge for the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe County).

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:

- Quiwana N. Chaney, 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor, Denver, CO 80203, 720-508-6125
- Kristen Ruth Moussalli, 7535 E. Hampden Ave. Ste. 400, Denver, CO 80231, 720-751-3921
- Patrick E. Thompson, 13356 E. Briarwood Ave., Centennial, CO 80112, 303-799-9001 ext. 6226

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