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## **New District Court judgeship created in the Eighteenth Judicial District** *Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Eighteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet Sept. 13, 2010, at the Arapahoe County Justice Center to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Eighteenth Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties). The new district court judgeship was created pursuant to House Bill 07-1054 and is effective Jan. 1, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, an applicant must be a qualified elector of the Eighteenth Judicial District and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$128,598. The initial term of office of a district judge is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent district judge, if retained by the voters, has a term of six years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Alex J. Martinez, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202, and the office of the district administrator, Laurie McKager, Arapahoe County Justice Center, 7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112. Applications also are available on the court's home page at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>

The original and seven copies of the application must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010. 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 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

The members of the nominating commission for the Eighteenth Judicial District are: Jack Berquist, Linda Bisbee, Doris Truhlar and Michael Plachy, all of Centennial; Fay Matsukage of Parker; Linda Hawthorne of Limon; and Richard Suder of Elbert.

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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR COLORADO STATE COURT JUDGESHIP**

Instructions

1. The application form for a Colorado state court judgeship can be found on the Judicial Branch website at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>. Please be complete and thorough in answering the questions; and, if an answer to any question requires more space than provided, attach a separate sheet of paper for each question.
2. Answers should be typed or printed in black ink.
3. Each completed original and all copies of the application should be stapled ONCE in the upper left-hand corner. They should NOT be bound in any way, should NOT be in notebooks, should NOT have covers attached, and should NOT have sections of the application tabbed in any way.
4. While it is preferred that you submit your application on this standard form, you may choose to reproduce this form on a computer. If you do so, however, please ensure that the top and left margins are 1" and that the size of type is no smaller than 12 pt.
5. Applicants for county court judgeships who are not attorneys may modify the form as needed by inserting the words "not applicable" where appropriate.
6. If you desire, you may request that letters of reference be submitted from up to five individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. It is **your responsibility** to ensure that all letters of reference (with sufficient copies) are submitted to the Ex Officio Chair by the filing deadline. You may include the letters with your application, or have them sent separately. Letters received late may not receive consideration by the Commission.

**Please Note:** Reference letters must be resubmitted every time you apply for a judicial vacancy. Reference letters from previous applications are not available for reuse.

7. If you are applying for an appellate judgeship, you need to file an original and fifteen (15) copies of your application. If you are applying for a district or county court judgeship, you need to file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
8. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Eighteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission  
Justice Martinez, Ex Officio Chair  
Colorado State Judicial Building  
101 W. Colfax Ave., Suite 800  
Denver, Colorado 80202

9. Your application must be filed no later than: **5 p.m. Sept. 2, 2010**