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Judge Stewart resigns from Denver Probate Court *Commission sets date to select nominees*

The Second Judicial District Nominating Commission will meet at the Denver City and County Building (1437 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80202) on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of district judge for the Probate Court in the Second Judicial District (Denver County). The vacancy will be created by the resignation of the Honorable C. Jean Stewart. The vacancy will occur on June 30, 2011.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the Second 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 approved 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 Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., 101 W. Colfax, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80202; and the office of the district administrator, Lee Cole, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 230, Denver, CO 80202. 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 4 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011. 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., Friday, April 22, 2011.

The members of the nominating commission for the Second Judicial District are: E. Lee Reichert, Mary Michael Cooke, Trey Rogers, Jim Garcia, Ingrid Barrier, Henry R. Sobanet and Kelly Nordini, all of Denver.

Editor's Note: Contact information for the nominating commission members.

- E. Lee Reichert, 950 17th St., Suite 2400, Denver, CO 80202
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- Trey Rogers, 1200 17th St., Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80207
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- Henry R. Sobanet, 1699 Downing St., Denver, CO 80218
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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>. You should only use the application that says it was updated 04/09. Do not use a prior version of the application. 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 must 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 11 pt.
5. You must submit the names of not less than three and no more than five individuals from whom you are requesting a letter of reference. Such letters of reference shall be strictly confidential. All such letters shall be sent directly to the Second Judicial District Nominating Commission, c/o Justice Gregory Hobbs, Ex Officio Chair, at the address listed below. You are instructed to tell your references not to send the original or a copy to you. A request for reference form is attached and must be used for each reference requested. In order to assure consideration of the letters of reference, they must be received on or before the last date applications may be filed.

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.

6. You must file an original and seven (7) copies of your application.
7. Your application should be filed at the following address:

Second Judicial District Nominating Commission
Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Ex Officio Chair
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202-5315

8. Your application must be filed no later than: **Thursday, April 28th at 4 p.m.**

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMISSION

REQUESTED REFERENCE ON BEHALF OF _____.
(Name of Applicant)

The above individual is applying for an existing vacancy on the Second Judicial District Court bench. The applicant is requesting that you write a letter of reference. It is not inappropriate for you to decline to do so. In writing such a letter, the Judicial Nominating Commission requests that you specifically address both the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant under separate headings. If you believe the applicant has no weaknesses relative to his or her capabilities to be a District Court judge, you may so state. Finally, please rate the applicant, i.e., outstanding, excellent, above average, average, below average, or poor. All letters of reference are strictly confidential. **A copy may not be sent to the applicant. The original and seven (7) copies must be received on or before April 28th at 4 p.m. and sent directly to:**

Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr.
Second Judicial District Nominating Commission
101 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 800
Denver, CO 80202-5315

It is extremely important to the Commission that you be as objective as possible in assessing the applicant's qualifications. We rely very heavily on letters of reference and unless you are totally objective in your comments, the Commission cannot properly carry out its function. Do not feel compelled to endorse the applicant merely because you have been asked to write a letter of reference on his or her behalf.

Sincerely,

Second Judicial District Nominating Commission

Applicant should send a copy of this instruction to each of his or her requested references.