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Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Rice to retire *Nominating Commission sets date to select nominees*

DENVER – The Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission will meet on May 14 and 15, 2018, to interview candidates and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the Colorado Supreme Court. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice, effective July 1, 2018.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, the applicant must be a qualified elector of the State of Colorado and must have been admitted to the practice of law in Colorado for five years. The current annual salary for this position is \$177,350. The initial term of office of a Supreme Court justice is a provisional term of two years; thereafter, the incumbent justice, if retained by the voters, has a term of 10 years.

Application forms are available from the office of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice, or from the Supreme Court Clerk, Cheryl Stevens, 2 E. 14th Ave., Denver, CO 80203. Applications also are available on the court's home page at: <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm>.

The original signed application and an identical copy of the application in electronic form as a single, text-searchable PDF file must be filed with the ex officio chair no later than 4 p.m. April 9, 2018. 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. April 2, 2018.

The members of the nominating commission for the Supreme Court Nominating Commission are: Kathleen Lord and Daniel Ramos, 1st Congressional District; Shannon Stevenson and Kimberley Jordan, 2nd Congressional District; Robert Scott and Sean Murphy, 3rd Congressional District; Tracee Bentley and R. Stanton Dodge, 4th Congressional District; Jay Patel and Jeanne Smith, 5th Congressional District; James Carpenter and Michael Burg, 6th Congressional District; Carolyn Fairless and Heather Lipp, 7th Congressional District; and Connie McArthur, at-large.

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Application instructions are on the following page.

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 <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. Do not change the margins or font size on the application.
 3. You must submit one original signed application along with an identical copy of your application electronically as a PDF file (preferably in text searchable format) on a CD or flash drive (these will not be returned). The electronic application does not need to contain a signature. If your application materials include multiple documents (i.e., cover letter, personal statement, reference letters) these documents should be combined into one single PDF document with the reference letters attached last.
 4. You may submit **letters of reference from up to five** individuals who are in a position to comment upon your qualifications for a judicial position. You may include the reference letters with your application, or have them sent directly to us at the address below. If sent directly by the author, they need only send us one original letter (in paper). If you include them with your application materials, please submit the original paper letter, and it should be included as part of your electronic application as well. It is your responsibility to ensure that all letters of reference are submitted by the filing deadline.
 5. You must include a writing sample of no more than 20 pages.
 6. Submit your original signed application along with the electronic copy to the following address:

Supreme Court Nominating Commission
c/o Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice
2 E. 14th Avenue, Clerk's Office
Denver, Colorado 80203
- If you are hand-delivering your application, please deliver it to the Clerk's Office.**
We do not accept emails of any application materials.
7. Your application must be filed no later than: **4 p.m. on April 9, 2018.**
 8. Call Nikky or Cheryl in the Colorado Supreme Court Clerk's office with questions: 720-625-5150