

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION POSITIONS OPEN

Judicial District Nominating Commissions seeking applicants for attorney and non-attorney positions

What does the commission do?

Judicial Nominating Commissions are responsible for reviewing applications for judicial officers (judges), interviewing the candidates, and submitting two or three final candidates to the Governor, who makes the final appointment. Every Judicial District in Colorado has a nominating commission, and there is a separate nominating commission for the appellate courts (Court of Appeals and Supreme Court). Nominating commissions meet only when there is a judicial officer vacancy in the Judicial District.

Who can serve on a commission?

Each judicial district nominating commission consists of seven citizens residing in that judicial district. No more than four members can be from the same political party, and there must be at least one voting member from each county in the district. Commission members serve six-year terms. Non-lawyers, who are the majority of every nominating commission, are appointed by the Governor. Lawyer members are appointed by joint action of the Governor, Attorney General, and Chief Justice.

Note that by law nominating commission members:

- shall not hold any elective and salaried U.S. or state public office or any elective political party office;
- are not eligible for appointment to judicial office in that district while they serve as a commission member and for one year thereafter;
- are not eligible for reappointment to succeed themselves on a commission; and
- on the supreme court nominating commission are not eligible for appointment as a supreme court justice or appellate court judge while serving as a member of that commission and three years thereafter.

VACANCIES

**COURT OF APPEALS
& SUPREME COURT
NOMINATING
COMMISSION**

NOMINATING COMMISSIONS FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1st - Jefferson & Gilpin

2nd - Denver

**3rd - Huerfano & Las
Animas Counties**

10th - Pueblo

**11th - Chaffee, Custer,
Fremont, & Park**

**14th - Grand, Moffat, &
Routt**

**18th - Arapahoe,
Douglas, Elbert &
Lincoln**

**22nd - Dolores &
Montezuma**

Supreme Court Nominating Commission Vacancies for 8th Congressional District

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission (Court of Appeals and Supreme Court) has two immediate vacancies, one attorney vacancy and one non-attorney vacancy, due to the creation of the 8th Congressional District. Applicants for these vacancies must reside in the 8th Congressional District. Applications for these vacancies may be submitted as provided above but must be received prior to May 31, 2022.

Nominating Commission Vacancies Occurring December 31, 2022

Applications for these positions can be made at any time, but no later than November 1, 2022. The following vacancies are based upon the current Commission makeup. Additional vacancies could occur with changes to the Commissions prior to December 31, 2022.

Judicial District	Attorney	Non-Attorney	County Residence Requirement	Political Affiliation Requirement
1st JD	0	1	Any County in the District	Must be (R) or (U)
2nd JD	0	1	Any County in the District	Any Party Affiliation
3rd JD	0	2	Any County in the District	Any Party Affiliation
10th JD	2	0	Any County in the District	1 must be (R) or (U)
11th JD	0	1	Custer County	Must be (R) or (U)
14th JD	1	1	One must reside in Moffat County	1 must be (R) or (U)
18th JD	0	2	One must reside in Elbert County	1 must be (R) or (U)
22nd JD	1	0	Any County in the District	Must be (R) or (U)
Supreme Court	1	1	Non-Attorney: Must reside in 1st Congressional District Attorney: Must reside in 7th Congressional District	

If interested, please complete the application on the Governor's Boards and Commissions page at: <https://www.colorado.gov/governor/boards-commissions-application>. Applicants should include a current resume or biography where indicated on the application.

Additional information regarding the nominating commissions can be found at: http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Supreme_Court/Nominating.cfm.

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