Colorado Judicial Institute
Seeks Nominees for the 2016 Judicial Excellence Awards

In recognition and support of excellence in Colorado courts, the Colorado Judicial Institute will again acknowledge the efforts of three outstanding jurists. The Judicial Excellence Awards will be presented at the 14th Annual Judicial Excellence for Colorado Dinner, to be held October 18, 2016, at the Denver Marriott City Center. CJI invites you to nominate individuals for these awards.

District Court Judge award nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Five years of experience on the district court bench
- An innovator who is creative in dealing with the processes within the courtroom
- Exemplifies the highest standards of judicial excellence throughout a distinguished career
- Displays extraordinary courage, energy and tenacity in the handling of high-profile, controversial, or difficult cases
- Efficiently, expeditiously and objectively manages cases and dockets
- Recognized by members of the bar, litigants, court personnel, jurors, and others as respectful and even-handed, but in firm control of activities within the courtroom

County Court Judge award nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Five years of experience as a judicial officer in the state court system, and currently serving as either a part-time or full-time judge
- Efficiently, expeditiously and objectively manages cases and dockets
- Recognized by members of the bar, litigants, court personnel, jurors, and others as respectful and even-handed, but in firm control of activities within the courtroom
- Respected by, and has the confidence of, other judges, court staff, lawyers and others

Magistrate award nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Three years of full-time or part-time experience on the bench
- Explains the law in terms understood by everyone who appears in the courtroom
- Possesses a demeanor and attitude that makes the courts accessible to all
- Displays a high level of open communication
- Efficiently, expeditiously and objectively manages cases and dockets
- Respected by, and has the confidence of, other judges, court staff, lawyers and others

All nominations must be submitted by May 5, 2016.

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Submit Your Nomination Online Starting March 7, 2016!

Fill out a nomination form online at:
www.ColoradoJudicialInstitute.org

Additional nomination forms may be obtained at

Questions can be directed to
Cynthia Ophaug-Johansen at (303) 766-7501 or Cynthia@ColoradoJudicialInstitute.org.
Colorado Judicial Institute
Judicial Excellence Awards Nomination Form

1. **Nominator Name:** ____________________________________________
   **Address:**____________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________
   **Telephone Number:**___________________________________________
   **Email Address:**______________________________________________

2. **Information About the Nominee:**
   **Name:**________________________________________________________
   **Position (circle one):**
   District Court Judge
   County Court Judge
   Magistrate
   **Year Appointed:** ___________
   **Month Appointed:** ___________
   **Court:** _______________________________  **Judicial District:** ___________
   **Address:** _____________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________
   **Phone:** _______________________________________________________
   **Email:** _______________________________________________________

3. **Reasons for Nomination:** Please describe in detail how this nominee meets the criteria for
   the CJI Judicial Excellence Award. (Attach additional pages if needed.)
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4. **Please list any other community service the nominee provides, if known.**
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5. **Names, firms/organizations, and phone numbers of three additional people** who have
   information concerning the nominee’s qualifications for the CJI Judicial Excellence Award:
   1. ___________________________________________________________________
   2. ___________________________________________________________________
   3. ___________________________________________________________________

CJI encourages the inclusion of letters of support from colleagues and other individuals, as well as any
information supporting the qualifications of the nominee for the Judicial Excellence Awards. **Please return
this form and supporting materials by May 5, 2016, to:**
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If you have questions, call Cynthia Ophaug-Johansen at (303) 766-7501. Additional copies of this form are available on CJI’s website,