

**Announcement of  
JUDICIAL VACANCY  
EXTENDED  
August 30, 2017**

The deadline for applications for the position of justice court judge in Gunnison City has been extended. This position results from the retirement of Judge Ivo Peterson effective June 30, 2017.

Completed application forms must be received by the Administrative Office of the Courts no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday September 15, 2017.

**Application Forms and Instructions**

The required application form and instructions are available on the Utah State Courts' website at <http://www.utcourts.gov/resources/forms>. Please note that the application form was revised in June 2016.

You may also request a copy of the application form and instructions in MS Word format or PDF by sending your email address to Melisse Stiglich.

Attention: Melisse Stiglich  
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450 S State  
PO Box 140241  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
Phone: (801)-578-3844  
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**Work of the Court**

Justice courts are established by counties and municipalities and have the authority to hear class B and C misdemeanors, small claims, and infractions committed within their territorial jurisdiction.

**Selection Process**

Utah law requires the Judicial Nominating Commission to submit three to five nominees to the Mayor of Gunnison within 45 days of its first meeting. The local government executive has 30 days in which to make a selection. The selection must be certified by the Utah Judicial Council. To obtain the procedures of the Judicial Nominating Commission and the names of Commission members call (801)-578-3844 or email [melisses@utcourts.gov](mailto:melisses@utcourts.gov).

At its first meeting the Nominating Commission reviews written public comments. This meeting is open to the public. To comment upon issues of local concern, general qualities of justice court judges, or other constructive recommendations, submit a written statement no later than September 15, 2017 to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Attention: Melisse Stiglich Re: Gunnison Nominating Commission

## Terms of Employment

### A. Requirements/Benefits

**Minimum Requirements:** Under Section 78A-7-201 of the Utah Code, Justice Court judges must be at least 25 years old.

**Residency:** All judges must be United States citizens. Justice Court judges must be Utah residents for at least three years immediately preceding selection. Justice Court judges must also be a resident of the county in which the court is located or an adjacent county for at least six months immediately preceding appointment and be a qualified voter of the county in which the judge resides.

**Education Requirements:** In Sanpete County, applicants for a Justice Court judgeship shall have at the minimum a high school diploma or GED.

**Annual Salary:** This position offers an annual salary range of \$4,867.50 to \$8,761.50. Benefits are not provided. Local information may be obtained by calling Pam Barrus at (435)528-5494.

### B. Judicial Retention

Each judge is subject to an unopposed, nonpartisan retention election at the first general election held more than three years after the appointment. To be retained, the judge must receive a majority of affirmative votes cast.

Following the first retention election, justice court judges appear on the retention ballot every six years.

### C. Performance Evaluation

All sitting judges undergo a performance review after the first year in office and biennially thereafter. Judges not up for retention election can use the performance review results as a guide for self-improvement. Judges up for retention election are subject to Certification Review by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission. Prior to the election, the Commission publishes in the voter information pamphlet whether the judge met or failed to meet the following evaluation criteria:

- Compliance with case delay reduction standards
- No public sanctions by the Judicial Conduct Commission during the term of office and not more than one private sanction during the final two years of the term of office
- Completion of 30 hours of approved judicial education each year
- Self Certification that the judge is physically and mentally able to serve, and complies with the Code of Judicial Conduct and Administration
- A satisfactory score on the certification portion of the Commission's Survey of the Bar
- For District and Justice Court Judges a satisfactory score on the certification portion of the Commission's Survey of jurors

*Those wishing to recommend possible candidates for judicial office or those wishing to be considered for such office should promptly contact Melisse Stiglich at the Administrative Office of the Courts 450 S State PO Box 140241 Salt Lake City, UT 84114 (801)-578-3844, melisses@utcourts.gov. Application packets will be forwarded to prospective candidates.*