

Commission Judicial Performance for the 16th Judicial District to hold public input hearing

Judge Mark MacDonnell, Judge Michael Schiferl and Judge Samuel Vigil are eligible to stand for retention this year. The 16th Judicial District Judicial Performance Commission will hold public hearings in Otero, Bent and Crowley counties on April 26, 2016, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. to give the community the opportunity to voice their opinions on these judges.

Any person interested in commenting on the performance of these judges may speak at the hearing. Only comments on Chief District Court Judge Mark MacDonnell, District Court Judge Michael Schiferl and Bent County Court Judge Samuel Vigil will be accepted. We encourage your participation in this process so that voters can make informed decisions on Election Day.

These hearings will be held at the Otero County Courthouse, Room 206, La Junta; Bent County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Las Animas; and Crowley County Courthouse, Room 303, Ordway. To access the Otero Courthouse, citizens should use the south courthouse entrance. To access the Bent County Courthouse, citizens should use the west courthouse entrance. Please contact Wendy Larsen, District Administrator at (719) 383-7123, by April 22, 2016, to make arrangements for interpreter needs or Americans with Disabilities accommodations.

The Judicial Performance Commission will be evaluating information about the performance of judges to provide voters with a 'Retain' or 'Do Not Retain' recommendation for the Blue Books distributed to all voters before the November election.

Additional information on Colorado's Commissions on Judicial Performance can be found at: <http://www.coloradojudicialperformance.gov/>.