APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE
for the
DISTRICT OF COLORADO AT DENVER

Notice and Instructions for Applying

- Complete the entire application form. Please remember to sign the form where indicated before submitting your application. Do not submit form AO 78.

- The application form is fillable using Adobe Acrobat. A reader application can be used to open and print the form.

- Space is provided to continue lengthy answers on extra pages at the end of the form. You may copy the format to add more pages if you need more space than what is provided on the additional pages.

- Cover letters and writing samples are encouraged. Letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are not required, but will be accepted with the application. Please note that federal judges should not draft letters of recommendation on an applicant's behalf (*Committee on Codes of Conduct, Adv. Op. No. 59*).

- Submission of an application indicates the applicant's willingness to serve if selected.

- The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, *Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111*).

- The completed and signed form should be submitted via email to the attention of Leslee Fathallah, Circuit Executive at hr@ca10.uscourts.gov.

- All application materials sent via email must be in a portable document file (pdf) format.

- Applications must be received by midnight on the deadline listed in the job posting.

- Any questions about the application or the recruitment process should be directed to the Office of the Circuit Executive at 303-335-2067.

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Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed to answer the questions.
Please indicate in the body of your answer if it is continued on a later page.

General

1. Full Name:

2. All other names by which you have been known:

3 Present Occupation: **Title:**

4. Office Address:

City: **State:**

Zip: **Telephone:**

5. Residential Address:

City: **State:**

Zip: **Telephone:**

6. Preferred email address:

7. Place of Birth:

8. Law School attended, dates, degree, and class standing (if known):

9. Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known):

10. Military Service:

Branch **Dates**

Rank or Rate at Discharge:

If still a Reserve or National Guard member, give service, branch, unit, and present rank:

11. Are you related by blood or marriage to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, or of the United States District Court in this district, or to a judge who is a member of the Judicial Council for the Tenth Circuit?

Yes ◯ **No** ◯

If so, give their names and the relationship.

Name **Relationship**

<u>Honors</u>

12. Were you a member of a law review editorial board?
Yes ◯ **No** ◯

13. List any legal books or articles written by you, giving citations and dates.

14. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

15. List continuing legal education courses completed within the last five years.

Professional Admissions

16. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case.

Court or Administrative Body **Date of Admission**

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Law Practice

17. Have you been engaged in the active practice of law or other suitable law-related occupation for at least five years?

Yes ◯ **No** ◯

18. State the name, dates, and addresses of all law firms or practices with which you have been associated and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed.

Position (Most recent first) **Firm/Organization Address** **Dates**

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19. Describe the general nature of your current practice, including any legal specialties which you possess and the character of your typical clients. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

20. a) Do you regularly appear in court? Yes ◯ No ◯

b) What percentage of your court appearances in the last five years were in the following forums:

Bankruptcy Courts?	%
Federal, District and Appeals Courts?	%
State or Local Courts of Record?	%
Administrative Bodies?	%
Other?	%

21. a) During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice? %

b) How frequently have you appeared in court? times per month.

c) How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? times per month.

d) What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been in each of the following areas:

Bankruptcy?	%
Civil?	%
Criminal?	%
Other?	%
Other?	%
Other?	%

e) State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

22. Have you served as a trustee or other court appointed officer in bankruptcy matters?

Yes ◯ **No** ◯

If yes, provide the approximate number of such cases and list the more important matters in which you served.

Please include each case name and court.

23. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years:

24. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases over the past five years.

Public Office

25. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? If so, give details.

Prior Judicial Experience

26. a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service or dates of candidacy.

b) Prior quasi-judicial service (include agency, position held, issues heard, number of cases adjudicated and dates of service).

Business Involvement

27. a) If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business or enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office.

b) Since being admitted to the bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details, including dates.

c) State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization, or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.

Disciplinary Proceedings/Offenses

28. Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of $100 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.

29. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars.

b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, please give particulars, including the amounts involved.

30. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceeding with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and or unethical conduct? If so, please give particulars, including the full style of the cause.

31. Have you ever been disciplined for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? If so, please give particulars.

<u>Taxes</u>

32. To the best of your knowledge, are you in compliance with the tax laws of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident?

Yes ◯ No ◯

33. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities?

Yes ◯ No ◯ If no, please explain.

34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If so, give particulars.

Professional and Other Activities

35. a) List all bar associations and legal or other professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.

b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 37a, of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each.

36. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service activities during the past five years, including any posts or offices held and honors or awards received.

Supplemental Information

37. Do any clubs or private associations to which you belong have a discrimination clause or have a history of barring membership to women or minorities?

38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.

39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office.

40. Have you ever applied for a federal judgeship in this or any other circuit? If so, please list.

41. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the court of appeals and the selection panel in connection with your possible nomination as United States bankruptcy judge.

Personal and Judicial References

42. List five individuals as references who are familiar with your personal character.

Name	Telephone	Period of Acquaintance

43. a) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least five, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than four must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) to whom we may refer as to your character and ability, and state how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the status of non-law references.

Name	Telephone	Period of Acquaintance

b) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least three persons who have worked for you and with you in a subordinate position.

Name	Telephone	Work Relationship

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c) Give the names and current phone numbers of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) with whom you are not and have not been associated in practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability. If yours is a non-litigation practice, list such judges, if any, who have had an opportunity to observe you in bar association or other activities. Indicate those before whom you have appeared in court or other judicial bodies by inserting (C) before the name of the pending judge.

Name of Judge **Telephone**

Court **Date and Nature of Most Recent Matter**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:

Date _____ **Signature of Candidate _____**

Confidentiality Statement

This form and its contents will be kept in confidence and made available only to the Circuit Executive, the Merit Selection Panel, members of the Tenth Circuit Judicial Council, and judges of the Court of Appeals. The individuals whom you have listed as references above, as well as your employer or coworkers, may be contacted by the panel. If this presents a problem, you should notify the Circuit Executive so that special arrangements can be made. You may request that there be no contact with an employer or co-workers unless and until you are a potential finalist for the position.

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