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Mr. Gregory:

On October 28, 2026, we received your request for evaluation (RFE) of judicial conduct as to Archuleta County Judge Matthew Margeson. At that time, Matthew Margeson was not an active judge and had not been a judge since he left his prior role as Delores County Court Judge in 2024, more than a year before the Commission received your RFE. Thus, at the time of your October 28, 2026 RFE, the Commission had no jurisdiction over Judge Margeson.

On May 6, 2026, Governor Polis appointed Judge Margeson to the 7th Judicial District. You emailed the Commission on May 7, 2026 asking the Commission to consider your previously filed RFE as to Judge Margeson. This letter responds to that RFE.

It is important for persons involved in court proceedings to understand that the jurisdiction of the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline is established and limited by the Colorado Constitution and further guided by the Colorado Rules of Judicial Discipline (Colo. RJD). Our website – ccjd.colorado.gov – provides a full description of the Commission's authority and procedures. The Commission is responsible for determining whether a state court judge has complied with ethical principles (or Canons) contained within the Code of Judicial Conduct (the Code). The Commission does not have jurisdiction to address appellate or administrative issues relating to judicial proceedings.

Specifically, Rule 13(c) of the Rules of Judicial Discipline provides that we cannot act on an RFE if:

> (1) The request does not allege sufficient grounds for disciplinary or disability proceedings;
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> (2) The request disputes a Judge's rulings on motions, evidence, procedure, or sentencing; a Judge's findings of fact and conclusions of law; or other matters that are within the jurisdiction of the trial or appellate courts to resolve, without providing grounds for disciplinary or disability proceedings; [or]
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(4) The allegations involve subject matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Colo. RJD 13(c).

Here, your RFE alleges that "Judge Margeson's knowing failure to disclose material information as part of his judicial application violates Canon Rules 1.1, 1.2, and 4.1(A)(11)." As you are aware from your prior role as Executive Director of the Commission on Judicial Discipline, the existence of any request for evaluation and the resolution of any request for evaluation (unless that request for evaluation resulted in formal disciplinary proceedings) is confidential. Pursuant to the Colorado Constitution and Rule 6.5 of the Rules of Judicial Discipline, the Commission cannot comment on whether any judge has or has not been the subject of an RFE and cannot comment on whether any judge has or has not received any private discipline. Your RFE seeks confidential information which the Commission cannot provide.

Your RFE is dismissed. Please be advised that the Colorado Constitution and Colo. RJD 6.5 require our records and proceedings to remain confidential.

Sincerely,

Anne Mangiardi

Anne Mangiardi
Executive Director

From: Judicial Conduct
To: Christopher Gregory
Subject: RE: New Complaint & Prospective RFE
Date: Friday, May 15, 2026 1:26:30 PM
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From: Christopher Gregory <cspgregory@thegregorylawfirm.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:32 PM
To: Judicial Conduct <judicialconduct@jd.state.co.us>
Subject: FW: New Complaint & Prospective RFE

Good Evening,

I had submitted the email below and attached letter on October 28, 2025. Matthew Margeson was not appointed to the Archuleta County Court. Since then, however, Matthew Margeson applied for the 7th Judicial District Court and was appointed by Governor Jared Polis yesterday (with Margeson to ascend the bench on July 1, 2026). The basis for my previously filed request for evaluation of judicial conduct remains valid. Please confirm that the Commission is now assigning a case number, recusing itself from consideration of the RFE, and that there is a conflict-free process to appoint a special commission / special staff.

Sincerely,
Christopher Gregory

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From: Christopher Gregory
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:08 AM
To: Judicial Conduct <judicialconduct@jd.state.co.us>
Subject: New Complaint & Prospective RFE

Good Morning,

Attached, please find an additional complaint under Colo. RJD 3.5(d) and a prospective request for evaluation of judicial conduct as to former Dolores County Court Judge Matthew G. Margeson (who has been nominated for the Archuleta County Court).

Please confirm receipt of this document, its filing, and the generation of a CCJD Case No.

Sincerely,
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October 28, 2025

Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline
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Re: Judicial Application of Former Dolores County Court Judge Matthew G. Margeson

Dear Commissioners:

As you are aware, I have a pending request for evaluation (RFE) of judicial conduct concerning the Justices of the Colorado Supreme Court, the judge members of this Commission, and other judges. My RFE has been docketed as CCJD Case No. 25-310. The issues raised in my pending RFE and in this additional complaint / prospective RFE are now also the subject of a federal civil rights lawsuit—*Gregory v. Colo. Jud. Rulemaking Comm.*, 1:25-cv-03361 (D. Colo.).

On October 15, 2025, the Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission met with Justice Maria Berkenkotter acting as its *ex officio* chair. As part of an ordinary process, this Commission provides the nominating commissions with the disciplinary histories of any current or former judges who apply for a judicial vacancy. Apparently, this Commission (with the knowledge of its Executive Director and its Special Counsel) failed to disclose the circumstances relating to a past RFE concerning former Dolores County Court Judge Matthew G. Margeson and submitted by 22nd Judicial District Court Chief Judge Todd Plewe. The circumstances of the handling of the RFE, include the Colorado Judicial Discipline Ethics Advisory Board's (CJEAB) *ultra vires* issuance of an opinion preemptively excusing Judge Margeson from dual work as a part-time prosecutor and part-time judge. More specifically, there were significant appearances of impropriety created by the chair of the CJEAB's law firm representing Judge Margeson in his judicial discipline proceedings before this Commission. These circumstances are generally referenced in my public comments to the Colorado Judicial Discipline Rulemaking Committee's draft rules. *Gregory*, ECF No. 1-7, p. 20 (Public Comment and RFE, dated August 25, 2025). Without Executive Director Anne Mangiardi and Special Counsel Jeff Walsh candidly notifying the Nominating Commission of Judge Margeson's disciplinary history and the circumstances of Judge Plewe's prior RFE, former Judge Margeson was nominated to the Archuleta County Court October 16, 2025. The Governor's Office, which can also be implied to have incomplete information, has until October 31, 2025 to make an appointment decision.

These circumstances only serve to add grounds to my pending complaint concerning the conduct of the members of this Commission and its Staff under Colo. RJD 3.5(d).

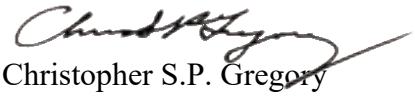
If former Judge Margeson is appointed to the Archuleta County Court, then a reasonable basis will exist to immediately process this RFE as a complaint against him under Colo. RJD 13(b).

Judge Margeson's knowing failure to disclose material information as part of his judicial application violates Canon Rules 1.1, 1.2, and 4.1(A)(11).

As with CCJD Case No. 25-310, I request the disqualification of this entire Commission and its Staff. A special tribunal, a special commission, and a special adjudicative panel should all be immediately formed through conflict-free processes.

Please acknowledge the receipt and filing of this additional complaint and RFE.

Sincerely,



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