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Alan Loeb appointed Chief Judge-designate of the Colorado Court of Appeals *10-year court veteran to replace retiring Chief Judge Janice B. Davidson*

DENVER – Alan Loeb, a member of the Colorado Court of Appeals for nearly 10 years, has been appointed Chief Judge-designate, replacing retiring Janice B. Davidson as the court’s administrative leader.

Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender made the appointment several months before Chief Judge Davidson’s Oct. 1, 2013, retirement to allow Chief Judge-designate Loeb time to serve with Chief Judge Davidson, who was appointed to the court in 1988 and has served as Chief Judge since 2003.

“Just as Chief Justice-designate Rice will serve with me to ease her transition to Chief Justice following my retirement in January 2014, Chief Judge-designate Loeb will work with Chief Judge Davidson,” Chief Justice Bender said. “These transitional periods will help the new chiefs learn the ins and outs of the many and varied administrative duties of the positions.”

Chief Judge-designate Loeb, a Denver native, graduated from East Denver High School in 1964 and from Stanford University in 1968. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1971, and practiced with the firm of Davis, Graham and Stubbs LLP from 1971 through July 2003, when he was appointed to the state’s intermediate appellate court.

“I look forward to this new step in my judicial career,” Chief Judge-designate Loeb said. “I am honored and humbled by the confidence the Chief Justice and my fellow members of the Court of Appeals have shown in me through this appointment.”

In addition to significant administrative duties, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals substitutes for judges who are ill, have had to disqualify themselves from a particular case, or are on vacation; and heads panels containing senior judges.

The Court of Appeals consists of 22 judges who sit in three-member divisions to decide cases. The Chief Judge assigns judges to those divisions and rotates those assignments every four months. Established by statute to provide appellate review of all cases brought before it, the Court of Appeals has initial jurisdiction – with some exceptions – over appeals from Colorado’s district courts, the Denver Probate Court and the Denver Juvenile Court. It also has specific appellate jurisdiction over decisions from a number of state administrative boards and agencies including the Industrial Claim Appeals Office. Litigants whose cases are decided by the Court of Appeals may seek review by the Colorado Supreme Court.