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Hartmann appointed to Nineteenth Judicial District chief judge position

DENVER, Colo. – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey announced today that she has appointed District Court Judge James F. Hartmann, Jr., as the new chief judge for the Nineteenth Judicial District. He replaces retiring Judge Roger A. Klein, who was appointed to the bench in 1995 and has served as chief judge since January 2003. The appointment becomes effective July 1, 2009.

"I would like to express my gratitude to Chief Judge Klein for the contributions he has made to the district and state judicial department," said Chief Justice Mullarkey. "I am confident that Judge Hartmann will ably serve the people of Weld County and will be a strong leader for the judges and staff of the Nineteenth Judicial District."

Judge Hartmann, of Windsor, was appointed to the district court in 2003 after spending 13 years in the District Attorney's Office. His last position before taking the bench was as the Weld County Chief Deputy District Attorney. He graduated from Windsor High School, obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Northern Colorado and received his law degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Colorado is divided into 22 judicial districts, each with a chief judge. As chief judge in the Nineteenth Judicial District, Hartmann will serve as the administrative head of the district. He will be responsible for appointing the district administrator, chief probation officer and clerks of the court, to assist in the personnel, financial and case management of the district along with seeing that the business of the courts is conducted efficiently and effectively. Other responsibilities include judicial assignments within the district.