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Hyatt appointed to Second Judicial District chief judge position

DENVER, Colo. – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey announced today that she has appointed District Court Judge Robert S. Hyatt as the new chief judge for the Second Judicial District (Denver County). He replaces retiring Judge Larry J. Naves, who was appointed to the bench in 1986 and has served as chief judge since July 2006. The appointment becomes effective April 1, 2010.

“Chief Judge Naves’ contributions to the judiciary during the past 23 years have not gone unnoticed; he has served the people of Denver and of Colorado well and he will be missed,” said Chief Justice Mullarkey. “I look forward to working with Judge Hyatt in this new role and am confident he will be a strong, effective leader for the Second Judicial District.”

Judge Hyatt was appointed to the District Court bench in November 1987 after serving for three years on the Denver County Court bench. Before that, he served in the Colorado attorney general’s office and was in private practice. He received his undergraduate degree in English from St. Louis University and earned his law degree from the University of Missouri law school in 1977.

Colorado is divided into 22 judicial districts, each with a chief judge. As chief judge in the Second Judicial District, Hyatt will serve as the administrative head of the District Court; juvenile and probate courts in Denver are separate and have their own chief judges. For the Denver District Court, he will be responsible for appointing the district administrator, chief probation officer and clerk of the court, to assist in personnel, financial and case management matters along with seeing that the business of the courts is conducted efficiently and effectively. Other responsibilities include judicial assignments within the district.

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