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## **Walker appointed as Twenty-Second Judicial District chief judge**

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey announced today that she has appointed District Court Judge Douglas S. Walker as the new chief judge for the Twenty-Second Judicial District (Dolores and Montezuma counties).

Judge Walker replaces retiring Chief Judge Sharon L. Hansen, who was appointed to the bench April 1, 1986, and has served as Chief Judge since 1995. The appointment becomes effective Oct. 1, 2010.

“I would like to thank Chief Judge Hansen for her years of dedication to serving the people of the Twenty-Second Judicial District,” Chief Justice Mullarkey said. “I am certain Judge Walker will follow in Judge Hansen’s footsteps by providing solid, effective leadership for court operations in southwestern Colorado.”

Judge Walker was appointed to the District Court bench in July of 2007. Prior to his appointment, he served as a district and county court magistrate for 10 years in the Twenty-Second and Sixth judicial districts. Prior to his judicial service, he was in private practice for 20 years, 13 of which included serving as the prosecutor in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court. Judge Walker’s caseload includes civil, domestic, probate, criminal and juvenile cases.

Colorado is divided into 22 judicial districts, each with a chief judge. As chief judge, Walker will serve as the administrative head of the Twenty-Second Judicial 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 duties 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.

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