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Munsinger appointed as First Judicial District chief judge

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender announced today he has appointed the Hon. Stephen M. Munsinger as the new chief judge for the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties).

Judge Munsinger replaces Chief Judge R. Brooke Jackson, who is leaving the District Court following his appointment to the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Judge Jackson was appointed as a District Court judge in the First Judicial District in 1998, and was appointed chief judge in 2003.

“I thank Chief Judge Jackson for his years of dedication to serving the people of the First Judicial District and all of Colorado,” Chief Justice Bender said. “I am confident Judge Munsinger will provide solid, effective leadership for court operations in his district.”

Judge Munsinger’s appointment becomes effective Sept. 1, 2011.

Judge Munsinger was appointed to the District Court bench in July 2001. Before that, he worked in private practice, in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and in the Denver District Attorney’s Office.

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

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