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Thompson appointed as Fifth Judicial District Chief Judge

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender has appointed District Court Judge Mark D. Thompson as the new chief judge for the Fifth Judicial District (Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit counties).

He replaces retiring Chief Judge R. Thomas Moorhead, who was appointed to the bench in 2002 and has served as Chief Judge since 2010. The appointment is effective Dec. 1, 2013.

“I wish Chief Judge Moorhead the best in retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to the people of the Fifth Judicial District,” Chief Justice Bender said. “Judge Thompson has the knowledge, experience and demeanor necessary to be a solid and effective leader for the district.”

Judge Thompson was appointed to the district court bench in 2010. He is a graduate of Bates College, and attended the University of Denver College of Law. Following law school, he served as an associate with Feder, Morris, Tamblyn & Goldstein in Denver before moving to Breckenridge where he joined the firm of French, West & Brown, becoming a partner in that firm in 1999. Judge Thompson is active in the Summit County community and enjoys a wide variety of outdoor sports.

Colorado is divided into 22 judicial districts, each with a chief judge. As chief judge, Thompson will serve as the administrative head of the Fifth 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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