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OWENS APPOINTS DENNIS FRIEDRICH OF MONTROSE AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR THE 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(DENVER) – Governor Bill Owens appointed Dennis Paul Friedrich as district court judge in the Seventh Judicial District, which includes Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel and Hinsdale Counties. Friedrich fills a vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Richard J. Brown.

“Dennis Friedrich’s competency, knowledge of the law and extensive judicial experience will serve him well on the bench,” said Governor Bill Owens. “He will serve the citizens of Colorado well in his new position.”

Dennis Friedrich currently serves as district court magistrate for the Seventh Judicial District. Friedrich also is presiding judge for Olathe Municipal Court and Montrose Municipal Court. He specializes in criminal, family and juvenile law matters.

Friedrich is active in his community founding the Montrose Teen Court program, as well as serving as a volunteer judge for the program. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Colorado Municipal Judges Association. Friedrich received his juris doctorate from the Detroit College of Law.

The initial term of office for a district court judge is a provisional term of two years, after which the incumbent must stand for retention to serve an additional six years. The annual salary for this position is \$98,808. This appointment is effective May 1, 2002.