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OWENS APPOINTS DANIEL SCOTT WILSON AS COUNTY COURT JUDGE IN 4TH J.D.

DENVER – Governor Bill Owens today appointed Daniel Scott Wilson as county court judge to the 4th Judicial District (El Paso and Teller Counties) effective July 1, 2002. Wilson fills a vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Judge Caroline Benham.

"Daniel Wilson brings extensive civil and criminal legal experience to the bench," said Gov. Owens. "His well-rounded experience and reputation as a fair and honest prosecutor will serve the citizens of Colorado Springs well."

Daniel Wilson serves as deputy district attorney for the Fourth Judicial District's District Attorney's Office. Prior to 1994, Wilson was an associate at the law firm of Snell and Wilmer from 1989 to 1993 and an associate at the law firm of Long and Jaudon from 1993 to 1994. His area of expertise is criminal law, with the majority of cases consisting of major crimes.

As an active member of his community, Wilson recently served as the youth leader for the Life Teen Program at Holy Apostles Catholic Church. He received his law degree from the University of Nebraska.

The initial term of office for a county court judge is a provisional term of two years, after which the incumbent must stand for retention to serve an additional four years. The annual salary for this position is \$94,308.