OWENS APPOINTS BRUCE BILLINGS OF TRINIDAD TO THE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY COURT

DENVER - Governor Bill Owens has appointed Bruce Arthur Billings of Trinidad to the Las Animas County Court. This vacancy was caused by the recent appointment of the Honorable George Newnam to the District Court.

"Bruce Billings has served as the Trinidad City Attorney for 21 years," said Gov. Owens. "He brings a wealth of legal knowledge and experience to the bench. I believe that he will serve the people of Las Animas County in a fair and efficient manner."

Billings has been the Trinidad City Attorney since 1983. Because this is not a full time position, Billings has had the opportunity to pursue additional profession pursuits. He now serves as an Adjunct Instructor at Trinidad State Junior College, where he teaches political science and history courses. From 1981-1996, Mr. Billings maintained a private law practice and was a Child Support Enforcement Attorney.

He began his career in 1978 as a deputy district attorney in the Seventh Judicial District. Mr. Billings earned his undergraduate degree from Colorado State University and his law degree from the University of Nebraska.

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 $104,637.