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Gov. Hickenlooper appoints new district court judges in 18th Judicial District

DENVER — Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 — Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced his appointments of Shay Whitaker and Peter Michaelson to serve as district court judges in the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties). The vacancies were created by the retirements of the Honorable Angela Arkin and the Honorable Timothy Fasing.

Michaelson currently works in private practice for the law firm West, Brown and Huntley, P.C.; of counsel at Hamre, Rodriguez, Ostrander & Dingess; and is the owner of the Law Office of Peter F. Michaelson, P.C. He practices in the areas of real estate, eminent domain, probate, municipal and special districts, estate planning, business formation and general civil litigation. Michaelson also currently serves as the Custer County Court Judge. Previously, Michaelson served as District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District. Michaelson earned his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver College of Law.

Whitaker currently practices criminal defense at Whitaker & Associates, in addition to serving as appointed counsel in Truancy Court. Before working at her current firm, Whitaker was a partner at Whitaker & White, LLC, an associate at Milan & Malara, P.C.; a partner at Silver & Whitaker, P.C. and an associate at Neil S. Silver and Associates, P.C. Whitaker earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and her Juris Doctor from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

The appointments are effective January 1, 2016.

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