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

**DENVER — Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 —** Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced his appointment of Gary Kramer and Patricia Herron to fill two district court judge vacancies in the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties). Kramer was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Gerald Rafferty, effective January 23, 2016; and Herron was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Christopher Cross, effective February 8, 2016.

Kramer is currently a shareholder at Berenbaum Weinshienk PC. His practice focuses on complex litigation in the areas of contract disputes, PERA benefits, domestic matters, probate, fiduciary disputes and land use. Before joining his current firm, Kramer was special counsel at the Law Offices of Arthur M. Schwartz, P.C., and a litigation associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado in 1985 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1989.

Herron is currently a Senior Attorney General in the litigation division. Her practice focuses on civil cases involving torts, civil rights, antitrust violations, and medical and personal injuries. She is also currently a relief judge in Aurora Municipal Court where she presides over bench and jury trials. In this role, she has been involved with Aurora's Treatment and Recovery Court, and the new Wellness Court. Prior to joining the Colorado Attorney General's office, Herron was in private practice in Oklahoma City where she practiced both criminal and civil law. Prior to that, she was elected as an Oklahoma state district court judge and served as Chief District judge through the end of her term. Herron earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1975, and her Juris Doctor from University of Tulsa College of Law in 1979.

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