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# Gov. Hickenlooper appoints new justice to Colorado Supreme Court

DENVER — Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 — Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced the appointment of Melissa Hart to the Colorado Supreme Court. Hart fills a vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Allison H. Eid who is now serving on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

“Melissa is a brilliant legal mind who has dedicated herself to making Colorado a better place. Her expertise and strong work ethic make her a terrific addition to the bench,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “I’m encouraged by her ideas on how to make the judicial system more effective, efficient, and less expensive.”

Hart is a tenured, full professor at the University of Colorado Law School where she has worked since 2000. She teaches Civil Procedure, Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Employment Discrimination and Employment Law, Education and the Constitution, Poverty Law, and Supreme Court Decision-making. She has also handled several family law and adoption cases through Metro Volunteer Lawyers, and represented clients seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals on a pro bono project from 2013-2014.

Hart is also the Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law. As part of this work, Hart has established and run two programs partnering Colorado Law School with public schools around the state to teach high school students about the Constitution.

Prior to joining the University of Colorado Law School, Hart was a Trial Attorney at the United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, in Washington, D.C. (1999-2000); an Associate at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in Washington, D.C. (1997-1999); a Law Clerk for Justice John Paul Stevens, United States Supreme Court (1996-1997); and a Law Clerk for Judge Guido Calabresi, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1995-1996). Hart earned her B.A. from Harvard-Radcliffe College in 1991 and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1995.

Hart’s term is effective immediately. She was appointed from a pool of exceptional judicial candidates that included Marcy Glenn and Pattie Swift.

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