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Gov. Hickenlooper appoints judges in 17th Judicial District Court and Arapahoe County Court

DENVER — Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 — Gov. John Hickenlooper today appointed Caryn Datz as a District Court Judge in the 17th Judicial District and Chantel Contiguglia as an Arapahoe County Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District.

Datz currently serves as Chief Trial Deputy for the District Attorney's Office in the 20th Judicial District, a position she has held since 2016. In this role, she prosecutes sexual assault cases, supervises four Deputy District Attorneys, and serves as a victim advocate assigned to the Sexual Assault Unit. Since 2017, Datz has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Colorado Law School. Previously, she served as Deputy District Attorney in the 20th Judicial District (2013-2017); as Chief Trial Deputy for the District Attorney's Office in the 17th Judicial District (2010-2013); as a Deputy District Attorney in the 17th Judicial District (2006-2010); and as an Assistant Public Defender for the Public Defender's Office in the 11th Judicial District of Florida (2001-2004). Datz earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1998 and her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 2001.

Datz's appointment is effective Sept. 28.

Contiguglia currently serves as a Senior Deputy Public Defender at the Office of the State Public Defender in Golden, a position she has held since 2007. She represents clients facing felony charges, often in complex cases. Previously, she handled traffic, misdemeanor, and juvenile cases, including juvenile delinquency matters and direct filings. She also supervises other public defenders. Contiguglia earned her B.A. from Mesa State College in 2002 and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Contiguglia's appointment is effective immediately.

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