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**Gov. Hickenlooper appoints district court judge in 18th Judicial District**

**DENVER — Friday, July 13, 2018** — Gov. John Hickenlooper today appointed Darren Vahle as the new District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District. He fills a vacancy created by the appointment of the Honorable Carlos Samour, Jr. to the Colorado Supreme Court.

Vahle has served as a county court judge in Arapahoe County since 2008, and as Presiding Judge of the county court for the past two and a half years. During his time on the bench, he has presided over a number of jury trials. His docket is primarily criminal, with some civil matters.

Vahle previously served as Deputy District Attorney in the 18th Judicial District. In that role, he was the prosecuting attorney in a number of jury trials involving a wide range of criminal matters, from traffic infractions to homicide cases. He earned his B.A. from Westmont College in 1991 and his J.D. from the University of Denver in 1996.

Vahle's appointment was effective July 1, 2018.

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