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Hon. Jeffrey Pilkington appointed Chief Judge of the First Judicial District

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats has appointed the Hon. Jeffrey R. Pilkington to serve as Chief Judge of the First Judicial District (Gilpin and Jefferson counties), effective Jan. 1, 2020,

Chief Judge Philip J. McNulty will remain on the District Court bench, but is leaving his position as chief judge to allow him sufficient time to advance his religious studies.

“Chief Judge McNulty has served with distinction in the position, and he will be missed,” Chief Justice Coats said. “I have no doubt Judge Pilkington has the skills and leadership abilities to make sure the courts and probation offices in this very busy district are best serving the public.”

Before his appointment to the bench in July 2013, Judge Pilkington practiced civil litigation for 24 years, focusing on products liability, commercial and business litigation and toxic tort environmental litigation. Prior to his time in private practice, he clerked for the Hon. Thomas P. Griesa of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Pilkington earned a bachelor’s degree from Drake University and a J.D. from Columbia University.

As Chief Judge, he will serve as the administrative head of the First Judicial District, responsible for appointing the court executive, chief probation officer and clerk of court, assisting in the personnel, financial and case-management duties of the district, and seeing that the business of the courts is conducted efficiently and effectively.