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Quick appointed Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial District

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats has appointed the Hon. Donald Quick to serve as Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial District (Adams and Broomfield counties), effective Jan. 23, 2021, upon the retirement of Chief Judge Emily Anderson.

Judge Anderson was appointed to the 17th Judicial District Court in 2013. Before that, she served as a District Court Magistrate in the 17th Judicial District from 2005, and a part-time Denver County Court Magistrate from 2001 to 2005. Prior to 2001, Judge Anderson ran her own law firm for 11 years. Her private trial practice focused on family law, civil litigation and mediation.

“Judge Quick has a strong background in management, supervision, and executive-level leadership, which I believe are essential qualities for a chief judge,” Chief Justice Coats said. “I am confident Judge Quick’s leadership capabilities and dedication to public service will serve the 17th Judicial District well.”

Judge Quick served as District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District from 2005 through 2013, and had been in multiple roles for that office, including Chief Deputy District Attorney, Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney, and Deputy District Attorney. He was also Colorado’s Chief Deputy Attorney General from 2002 to 2005, and Deputy Attorney General for the Criminal Justice Section from 1999 to 2004. Before entering government service, Judge Quick was an associate attorney for Coastal Corporation and for Burns, Wall, Smith, and Mueller, P.C. He earned his undergraduate degree from University of Colorado in 1982 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1986.

As Chief Judge, Quick will serve as the administrative head of the 17th 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.