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Nancy Salomone Appointed next Chief Judge of 20th Judicial District

Boulder, Colo. - Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Monica M. Márquez has appointed the Honorable Nancy W. Salomone to serve as the next chief judge of the 20th Judicial District (Boulder County).

Judge Salomone will replace the Honorable Ingrid S. Bakke, who was appointed as district judge in 2010 and has served as chief judge since 2017. Chief Judge Bakke recently announced her upcoming retirement and will continue to serve as chief judge until her retirement on July 12, 2025.

Judge Salomone was appointed to the district court bench in October 2017. She previously practiced as a partner in the Boulder law firm Malkinson Salomone, and as a solo practitioner and owner of the Law Office of Nancy W. Salomone. Her law practice focused primarily on criminal defense, including as a contract attorney on behalf of the indigent accused through the Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel. Prior to entering private practice, Judge Salomone served as a deputy public defender in the Denver trial office. Judge Salomone earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1998.

"I am grateful for Chief Judge Bakke's years of service as chief. She led with integrity through challenging times, including the COVID pandemic, and presided over one of the biggest trials in the history of her community," said Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Monica M. Márquez. "I thank incoming Chief Judge Salomone for stepping into this new role. I have great confidence in her leadership and know that she will work hard to serve the 20th Judicial District."

Chief Judge Salomone will serve as the administrative head of the district, responsible for appointing the court executive, chief probation officer, and clerk of court, assisting in

personnel, financial and case-management duties, and seeing that the business of the courts is conducted efficiently and effectively.

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