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## **Arapahoe County employee appointed Denver Juvenile Court Judge** Assistant County Attorney, Donna Schmalberger will begin serving Oct. 22

**Littleton, CO** --- Donna Schmalberger, an Assistant County Attorney for Arapahoe County, has been appointed to serve as Denver Juvenile Court Judge by Governor Bill Ritter. Donna will be one of two new judges in the Denver Juvenile Court.

Donna will fill the vacancy created by Dana Wakefield who retired in August. She will be sworn in Oct. 19 and begin serving Oct. 22.

“Donna’s acceptance of this appointment reflects her continuing commitment to public service,” said Commissioner Chair Frank Weddig. “Donna will serve very well in her judgeship just as she has provided excellent service to the constituents of Arapahoe County.”

Donna, who has worked as an Assistant County Attorney since 1997, has been practicing law for 24 years. She received the Raymond C. Frenchmore Juvenile Law Award in 1990 from the Arapahoe County Bar Association for outstanding service to the Juvenile Justice system. In 2003, she received the Advocates for Children “Speaking Up for a Child” award.

“We will miss Donna’s contribution to juvenile justice in Arapahoe County,” said County Attorney Kathryn Schroeder. “This is a wonderful opportunity for Donna and we all wish her the best of luck.”

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