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## Governor Polis Appoints Jonathan K. Shamis to the 5th Judicial District Court

**DENVER -** Today, Governor Jared Polis appointed Jonathan K. Shamis to the 5th Judicial District Court. The vacancy was created by the retirement of the Honorable Mark D. Thompson and is effective immediately.

Mr. Shamis is a Lake County Court Judge in the 5th Judicial District and a Magistrate in the 9th Judicial District, positions he has held since 2013. His dockets consist of criminal and civil matters. He is also adjunct faculty at Colorado Mountain College and a Legal Research Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District. Previously, he served as the Executive Director of Alpine Legal Services (2005-2014); Partner at Kleinschmidt and Shamis, LLC (1997-2006); and Senior (Grade III) Attorney and Assistant Public Defender in the Office of the Cook County Public Defender in Illinois (1989-1997). Mr. Shamis earned his B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1983 and his J.D. from DePaul University in 1989.

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