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Governor Jared Polis

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Governor Polis Makes Appointments to Adams and Baca County Courts

DENVER - Today Governor Polis appointed Courtney L. Dinnel to fill a vacancy on the Adams County Court in the 17th Judicial District. The vacancy is created by the retirement of the Honorable Michael A. Cox, and is effective July 2, 2021.

Ms. Dinnel is a solo practitioner at Dinnel Law, L.L.C., which she founded in 2020. Her practice consists primarily of criminal defense and guardian ad litem work. Previously, Ms. Dinnel was an Associate Attorney at Foster Graham Milstein Calisher, L.L.P. (2019-2020) and Lead Deputy Public Defender at the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender in Brighton (2010-2019). Ms. Dinnel earned her B.S. from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2004, and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2010.

The Governor also appointed Lyudmyla (Milla) Lishchuk to fill a vacancy on the Baca County Court in the 15th Judicial District. The vacancy is created by the retirement of the Honorable Debra Gunkel and is effective immediately.

Ms. Lishchuk is a Hearing Officer II for the Colorado Department of Revenue, Hearing Divisions, a position she has held since 2020. Previously, Ms. Lishchuk was an Attorney and Hearings Manager of the Board of Assessment Appeals (2011-2019); Part-Time Attorney with the Law Offices of Alan G. Molk (2012-2015); Part-Time Attorney with Michael Dowling and Associates (2011-2015); Attorney with Reilly Pozner LLP (2010-2011); and Judicial Clerk for Judges Mark Hannen and Robert Russell and Magistrate Kara Martin of the Arapahoe County District Court (2010). Ms. Lishchuk earned her Bachelor's Degree from the Metropolitan State College of Denver in 2004, and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2009.