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# Governor Appoints J. Eric Elliff to District Court Bench for the City and County of Denver

Gov. Bill Ritter, Jr., announced yesterday the appointment of Husch Blackwell Partner J. Eric Elliff to the District Court bench in the 2nd Judicial District, which encompasses the City and County of Denver.

"We will greatly miss Eric's keen intellect and strong commitment to service and the practice of law," said Mary Stuart, the Denver Office Managing Partner. "Eric has served as an excellent partner and mentor in our office and is eminently qualified to serve as a judge. He will continue the Colorado tradition of high caliber lawyers joining the judiciary, and we wish him all the best."

At Husch Blackwell, Elliff focused his practice primarily on complex business and intellectual property litigation for foreign and domestic clients. Elliff has been active in the Colorado Lawyers Committee, where he chairs the Food Stamp Task Force, and for the past three years has taught trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Law.

Elliff earned his J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law (1987), where he graduated Order of the Coif. He earned a B.S. from Washington University in St. Louis (1984).

"I am going to miss working with my colleagues at Husch Blackwell, which I believe is quickly becoming a force in the Denver legal market," Elliff said. "But at the same time I am very excited to begin a life of public service with this new and very different challenge."