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### Funke Appointed As Nebraska Supreme Court Judge

(KLZA)-- An appointment is made to the Supreme Court of the Fifth Judicial District of Nebraska.

Governor Pete Ricketts has appointed Judge Jeffrey J. Funke to the court. Currently, Funke serves as a District Court Judge for Cass, Sarpy, and Otoe Counties.

The vacancy is created by the upcoming retirement of Judge William M. Connolly on August 1, 2016.

The Fifth Judicial District for the Supreme Court consists of portions of Hall, Adams, Webster, Nance, Hamilton, Clay, Nuckolls, Polk, York, Fillmore, Thayer, Colfax, Butler, Saline, Jefferson, Saunders, Gage, Cass, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, and Richardson Counties.

In a press release announcing the appointment, Ricketts says "Judge Funke brings a diverse legal background to the Supreme Court."

Before his time on the District Court, Judge Funke served as a County Judge for the Second Judicial District from 2007-2013. Before his first appointment as a judge, Funke worked in private practice, served as a county attorney, and also as a deputy public defender.

While serving on the District and County Courts, Judge Funke has handled over 10,000 cases covering civil, criminal, domestic relations, and probate matters among others.

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