

## Culp appointed to Superior Court judgeship

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OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire has appointed District Court Judge Chris Culp to the second Okanogan County Superior Court judgeship.

County Commissioners created the position in July.

Culp has served as a District Court judge since 1987 and was appointed Superior Court commissioner in 1991.

He has served as a Superior Court judge pro tempore since 2002.

“Judge Culp’s deep ties with his community and thorough understanding of the law make him an excellent pick for Okanogan County’s Superior Court,” Gregoire said. “I know Chris will continue to do a great job on the bench.”

“I am honored with Governor Gregoire’s appointment,” Culp said. “It is a tremendous opportunity to serve the residents of Okanogan County and Washington state in this new role. I appreciate the confidence placed in me by the governor, peers and many supporters. I will do my best to uphold that trust.”

After four years of work in private practice, Culp was elected to the District Court bench in 1986 and presided over jury trials and cases involving civil matters, protection orders and misdemeanors.

In 1991, he was appointed Superior Court commissioner and heard juvenile dependencies, truancies and paternity matters. Later, his work as commissioner expanded to include all phases of pretrial hearings in felony criminal cases.

In 2001, he began to spend one day a week as a Superior Court judge pro tempore and presided over felony jury trials and evidentiary hearings.

“We are fortunate to have Judge Culp appointed to the Okanogan Superior Court,” Superior Court Judge Jack Burchard said. “He is a great judge with many years of experience on the District Court bench and I know he will continue to serve with distinction.”

Culp is involved with Okanogan-Omak Rotary Club and the Tonasket Community Cultural Center.

Culp earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington and a law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law.

He and his wife, attorney Peg Callaway, live near Okanogan. They have two children, JJ Harrison and Ashley Culp.



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