



Kearney attorney named new judge for 9th District

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A Kearney attorney has been named the newest county court judge for the 9th Judicial District.

On Tuesday, Gov. Dave Heineman announced his appointment of John P. Rademacher of Kearney to the county court bench for the 9th Judicial District, which consists of Buffalo and Hall counties.

Rademacher has been an attorney and partner in the law office of Tye & Rademacher in Kearney since 1996. From 1996 to 2005, he served as a deputy Buffalo County public defender, and prior to

that, he was a law clerk at the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles' legal division, according to a press release from Heineman's office.

Rademacher, 43, is a member of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board for the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation from 2003 to 2009 and on the board for the American Red Cross Fort Kearny Chapter from 2005 to 2012, according to the release.

He earned his juris doctor from the University of Nebraska College of Law and has been a member of the Nebraska Bar Association

since 1996, according to the release.

The vacancy was due to the retirement of Buffalo County Judge Graten D. Beavers.

Rademacher's main office will be in Kearney, but he will also serve Hall County Court. During its April 22 meeting, the Hall County Board of Supervisors authorized spending about \$30,000 to \$40,000 to create a third county courtroom in the Hall County Courthouse.

Judicial staff identified the court's self-help room, which previously housed the Hall County Jail offices, as

the building's only under-used area. The court self-help room is on the first floor. It is used on Wednesday mornings for small-claims court mediation hearings and is used from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays by anyone wanting to research cases and get assistance from an attorney.

The self-help room and an adjacent mechanical room and storage vault will be renovated for the judge's chambers and a staff office. The self-help office will continue to be housed in the room as well but will be worked around Rademacher's court schedule.