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Madison County Court Judge Richard Krepela to Retire Early January 2013

Seventh Judicial District Court Judge Richard Krepela recently submitted a resignation letter to the Governor stating that he plans to step down from the county court bench on January 3, 2013.

In his letter he noted, "It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as a county judge in the State of Nebraska for the past 23 years. During that time, I have been able to serve the people of the 7th Judicial District as county judge, participating in numerous committees for the County Judges' Association and, in the past, serving on the Executive Committee of that association.

Judge Krepela, who instituted the concept of videotaped arraignments, among other improvements in the 7th Judicial District, noted that he has seen many improvements in the court system over the years. He stated, "I have had the good fortune of working with fellow judges of the highest quality and have appreciated their cooperation and support as well as the guidance and support of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Court Administrator's Office over these many years."

He continued, "I am most grateful for the hard work and support of the people I have been able to work with in the 7th Judicial District that manage the functions of the county court on a day-to-day basis. They work very hard under stressful conditions and truly are the backbone of the county court system. I will be forever grateful for their hard work, support and friendship over my 23 years of service."

The first step in replacing Judge Krepela will be for the Judicial Resources Commission to call a meeting to determine whether or not, based on judicial workload statistics, the retirement of Judge Krepela creates a vacancy in the 7th Judicial District (Antelope, Cuming, Knox, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, and Wayne Counties).

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