

Denver Probate Court Welcomes Magistrate Ruben M. Hernandez!

The Denver Probate Court is happy to announce the arrival of Magistrate Ruben M. Hernandez. Magistrate Hernandez comes to us from the 9th Judicial District where he served as a Magistrate and Legal Research attorney for four District Court judges. The first day for Magistrate Hernandez will be June 15, 2010. He fills the Magistrate position formerly held by Michael Gallegos.

Magistrate Hernandez holds a degree in Business from the University of Texas – El Paso. In 1985, he completed his Masters in Business Administration degree at the University of Denver. In 1992, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver College of Law. He is fluent in Spanish.

In his last position with the 9th Judicial District, Magistrate Hernandez handled domestic relations, juvenile, probate (including decedents' estates, protective proceedings, personal injury settlements), and mental health cases in the district. The remainder of his time was spent presiding over civil litigation of all types and researching and preparing proposed orders for four District Court judges. Prior to his career in the 9th Judicial District, Magistrate Hernandez had substantial experience in litigation and trial work.

Magistrate Hernandez garners high acclaim from his peers as a hard worker, a team player and as a devoted public servant as noted in some of the comments received regarding his work: "Ruben works well with judges, lawyers, court staff and litigants, especially *pro se* litigants." "He successfully adjudicates the many disputes directed to him, promptly and professionally." "Sometimes, circumstances create an emotionally charged courtroom where parties' conduct is confrontational and hard to manage. Ruben has the talent and discipline to manage such individuals and to bring hearings to a productive conclusion."

Outside of the courthouse, Ruben became a valuable member of the community serving on the Sunlight Mountain Ski Patrol and as a volunteer coach in the Mock Trial program at the Glenwood Springs High School.

Magistrate Hernandez's first official day on duty at the Denver Probate Court is June 15, 2010. Robing ceremonies are scheduled for June 24, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Denver Probate Court. Everyone is invited to attend the robing ceremonies and the reception immediately following.