

(S.D.)-New Judge Appointed For District Including Rapid City

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed Robert Gusinsky as a circuit judge in South Dakota's Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Gusinsky, of Rapid City, will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Mary Thorstenson. The Seventh Circuit includes Custer, Fall River, Pennington and Shannon counties.

Gusinsky has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2007. He is currently an Assistant United States Attorney. Before that, he was in private practice in Rapid City. He is a 1996 graduate of the USD School of Law.

Gusinsky was born in Latvia, which was a part of the Soviet Union at the time. He became a U.S. citizen in 1986.

Gusinsky says that as an immigrant from a communist country, he is especially sensitive to the importance of the rule of law.

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