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**Governor Bullock Appoints Judge Jim Shea to Montana Supreme Court**

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock today announced that he is appointing Judge Jim Shea to serve on the Montana Supreme Court. Shea will replace Judge Brian Morris, who was recently appointed to serve as a federal district court judge in Great Falls. Shea, who was raised in Butte, graduated from the University of Montana in 1988 and the University Of Montana School Of Law in 1991. He has served as a Montana Workers’ Compensation Court Judge since 2005, a position he was twice confirmed to by the Montana Senate.

“From humble beginnings in Butte, and with more than 20 years in the law field, Judge Shea will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Montana Supreme Court. Because of his reputation as a fair and intelligent judge and lawyer he received broad-based support for his appointment,” Bullock said. “His understanding and respect for both the Montana and U.S. Constitutions make him well suited to serve the people of Montana as a member of the Supreme Court.”

In April, the Judicial Nomination Commission sent four names to Bullock for consideration. Last week, he held public interviews with each of the candidates.

Shea will be sworn in to serve on the Montana Supreme Court in the coming days. He’ll be subject to confirmation by the Senate, if confirmed he will be up for election to the position in November 2016.

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