



Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice to serve as Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Sturm College of Law

Justice Gregory Hobbs will teach and co-direct the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program

September 21, 2015 – DENVER –The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is proud to announce that former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs will join the Sturm College of Law faculty as Distinguished Jurist in Residence and co-director of the nationally recognized Environmental and Natural Resources Program (ENRLP). Justice Hobbs will share the directorship with Professor Federico Cheever.

“I admire the DU Law Environmental and Natural Resources faculty immensely,” says Hobbs. “I hope to add to its strength. I’ve taught many classes at the law school when an attorney and then as a justice.”

For more than two decades before his appointment to the bench, Hobbs practiced water law, environmental law, land use and transportation law. From 1992-1996, Hobbs was a partner with Hobbs, Trout & Raley P.C.; prior to that he spent 13 years as partner with Davis, Graham & Stubbs. He served as assistant attorney general for the State of Colorado Natural Resources Section from 1975-1979, and also worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the early 70s.

Justice Hobbs authored 283 majority opinions during his tenure with the Colorado Supreme Court (1996-2015). He has written extensively on numerous environmental topics including water law, the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, air quality, water and legal education, and paleohydrology at Mesa Verde. “I’ve published articles frequently in the *University of Denver Water Law Review*, starting with its very first issue in 1998,” says Hobbs. The author of five books - most recently *Into The Grand* (2012) – Hobbs is well known for his insightful analysis of environmental issues and his humor.

“We are thrilled that Justice Hobbs will be joining us here at Denver Law. He is tremendously well-respected within the natural resources field and in our legal community. All of us – but particularly our students – will benefit greatly from his wisdom, his energy, and his love of teaching and mentoring,” says Sturm College of Law dean Martin J. Katz.

At Denver Law, Justice Hobbs will teach Water Law as well as Colorado Legal History. His responsibilities as co-director will include student advising; selection, recruitment and evaluation

of adjunct faculty members; and community outreach. Strengthening relationships with programs from other local research Universities is also part of the position. “Being named Distinguished Jurist in Residence calls on me to bring my 19 years of being a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court to Denver Law students on an ongoing basis,” says Hobbs.

Professor Cheever welcomes the opportunity to work alongside Justice Hobbs in natural resources law. “He brings an extraordinary depth of experience and judgment to Denver Law,” says Cheever. “As lawyer and judge, he has always been committed to the essential work of training the next generation of lawyers. Our co-directorship demonstrates our commitment to bring together the very best of the legal community to educate great environmental and natural resources lawyers to face the future’s challenges.”

Justice Hobbs will take up his Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program co-directorship with Professor Cheever immediately, and Hobbs will begin teaching in the spring of 2016. He is excited and eager to start this next phase of his remarkable career. “Many of my best law clerks over 19 years as a Justice have been DU Law graduates,” says Hobbs.