

Judge Jeffrey Wightman has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 11th Judicial District (Arthur, Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow and Thomas Counties) for 2014.

The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Wightman, whose name was submitted by his fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Wightman has served on the county court bench in the 11th Judicial District since taking the bench in 2013. Prior to joining the bench, Wightman worked as a private practice attorney for over 20 years and was named as a Nebraska Bar Foundation Fellow—an honor based on integrity and character.

As presiding judge, Wightman has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within the 11th Judicial District. He will also serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.