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ETSITTY NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS

Stephen B. Etsitty has been named the Administrative Director of the Courts. His first day of employment with the Judicial Branch began Monday, January 23, 2017.

Etsitty was most recently a director with New World Environmental, Inc., assisting in efforts to clean up abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation. Prior to that, Etsitty served as the executive director of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency from July 2003 to May 2015. He represented the Navajo Nation on the U.S. EPA's Regional and National Tribal Operations Committees. From 2006 to 2008 he served as the Chairman of the National Tribal Caucus and as Co-Chair of the National Tribal Operations Committee. He worked for U.S. EPA from May 1992 to September 2000.

“As an environmental regulator, I always looked to the courts for legal assistance in protecting the environment. I saw the Navajo Nation Supreme Court’s oral arguments at Harvard Law School in 1998 and I’ve always admired the institution and its leadership role in American Indian jurisprudence,” Etsitty said. “I was effective providing resources for enhanced environmental protection while I was at the U.S. EPA and the Navajo Nation EPA. I’m grateful for the opportunity to apply my experience and skills to help the Judicial Branch.”

Etsitty’s immediate goals as administrative director are to complete renovations and restoration of office space at judicial districts and address safe workspace and employee safety issues across all judicial districts.

Etsitty is originally from Lukachukai, Arizona, and is married into a family from Coalmine Canyon, Arizona. His clans are Tó aheadlíinii and born for Áshiihí. He is a graduate of Stanford University.

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