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THE JUDICIARY IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota Constitution provides: The judicial power of the state is vested in a Supreme Court, a Court of Appeals, if established by the Legislature, a District Court and such other courts, judicial officers, and commissioners with jurisdiction inferior to the District Court as the Legislature may establish (Article VI, Section 1).

MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

Office: Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 297-7650 **Website:** www.mncourts.gov

Jurisdiction: The Minnesota Constitution provides that the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in such remedial cases as are prescribed by law, and appellate jurisdiction in all cases, but there shall be no trial by jury in the Supreme Court.

Justices: Minnesota Statutes provide for one chief justice and six associate justices (*Minnesota Statutes*, 480.01). Justices are elected by the people of the state to six-year terms; vacancies are filled by governor's appointment. Justices are elected without party designation. Candidates file for a specific judicial office, which is designated on the ballot by seat number. Mandatory retirement age for justices is 70 years old (*Minnesota Statutes* 490.121, Subd. 21d).

Functions: The chief justice of the Supreme Court is the administrative head of the judicial branch, supervises the work of all courts, and chairs the Minnesota Judicial Council, which is the single administrative policy-making body for the judicial branch. A state court administrator is appointed by the chief justice and the Judicial Council. The Supreme Court commissioner, clerk of the appellate courts and state law librarian are appointed by the court. The court is responsible for the regulation of the practice of law, including the promulgation of rules of procedure and practice before all courts within the state.

Salary: \$210,496 chief justice; \$191,359 associate justices

Commissioner of Supreme Court: Timothy Droske

State Court Administrator: Jeff Shorba

Deputy State Court Administrator: Dawn Torgerson

Clerk of Appellate Courts: Christa Rutherford-Black

Director of Communications and Public Affairs: Kim Pleticha

State Law Librarian: Liz Reppe



Front Row (L to R): Justice Anne K. McKeig, Chief Justice Natalie E. Hudson, Justice Paul C. Thissen
Back Row (L to R): Justice Sarah E. Hennesy, Justice Gordon L. Moore, Justice Karl C. Procaccini,
Justice Theodora Karin Gaïtas

Chief Justice



Natalie E. Hudson

Roseville. Arizona State University Tempe (1979); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1982); Staff Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. (1982–86); Associate Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi (1986–88); Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Hamline University School of Law (1989–92); St. Paul City Attorney (1992–94); Attorney, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1994–2002); Judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2002–2015). Appointed October 26, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022. Appointed Chief Justice October 2, 2023. Elected 2024.

Associate Justices



Anne K. McKeig (5)

College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1989); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1992); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Child Protection Division (1992–2008); Staff Attorney, American Prosecutors Research Institute (2007); Family Court Judge, Minnesota Fourth District Court (2008–2016). Appointed September 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.



Paul C. Thissen (4)

Harvard University (A.B. *magna cum laude*, 1989); University of Chicago Law School (J.D. with honors, 1992); Federal Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Clerking for the Honorable Judge James Loken, 1992–1993; Minnesota State Public Defenders Office, Appellate Division, 1998–1999; Briggs and Morgan Law Firm, 1993–2010; Ballard Spahr Law Firm (formerly Lindquist & Vennum), 2010–2018; Minnesota State Representative, 2003–2018 (Speaker of the Minnesota House, 2013–2014). Appointed on May 14, 2018. Elected 2020.



Gordon Moore (3)

Carleton College (B.A., 1985); University of Iowa (J.D. with honors, 1988); District Court Judge, Fifth Judicial District, Nobles County (2012 – 2020); Nobles County Attorney (2003 – 2012); Associate, Von Holtum, Malters & Shepherd, Worthington (1995 – 2002); Special Assistant Attorney and Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1988 – 1995); Appointed August 3, 2020. Elected 2022.

Judges are listed in order of seniority; seat numbers are shown in parentheses.



Karl C. Procaccini (6)

Minneapolis. Harvard University (A.B., *magna cum laude*, 2005); The American University in Cairo, LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, (2007); Harvard Law School, (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010); Clerk, Honorable Diana E. Murphy (2010–11); Clerk, Honorable Michael J. Davis (2011–12); Assistant Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law (2014); Member (2012–2016) and Partner (2017–2018), Green Espel PLLP; General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor (2019–2023); Adjunct Professor (2017–present) and Visiting Assistant Professor (2023), University of St. Thomas School of Law; Judge, Appointed October 2, 2023. Elected 2024.



Sarah E. Hennesy (1)

Central College (B.A., 1991); Drake Law School (J.D., 1994); Assistant Appellate Defender, IA State Appellate Defender's Office (1994–1996); Associate Attorney, Kohn & Einstein (1998–99); Asst. Public Defender, (1999–2002) and Deputy Public Defender (2002–2003), Alexandria Public Defender's Office; Associate Attorney, Damiani & Damiani, P.C. (2003–2005); Staff Attorney, St. Cloud Area Legal Services (2006–2012); Judge, District Court (2012–2024). Appointed May 13, 2024.



Theodora Karin Gäitas (2)

University of Minnesota (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1991); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1994); Law Clerk, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1993–1994); Assistant Public Defender, Bucks County Public Defender's Office, Bucks County, PA (1994–1996); Judicial Clerk, Honorable Robert H. Schumacher, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1997); Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District Public Defender (2001–2002); Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Minnesota Appellate Public Defender (1998–2013); Attorney, Matonich Law, P.C. (2013–2018). Judge, Minnesota District Court (2018–2020); Minnesota Court of Appeals (2020–2024). Appointed August 1, 2024.

MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

Office: Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 297-1000 **Website:** www.mncourts.gov

Jurisdiction: The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction over nearly all final decisions from District Courts, state agencies and local governments. Exceptions include appeals from the Minnesota Tax Court, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, first-degree murder cases, and certain election contests. These exceptions are decided by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Judges: The court of appeals has 19 judges. Judges are elected by the voters to six-year terms; vacancies are filled by governor's appointments. Judges are elected without party designation and candidates file for a specific seat. All judges of the court are subject to statewide election, but one seat on the court is designated for each congressional district. One year's residence in the district is required for appointment or election to a congressional district judicial seat. The governor designates one of the judges as chief judge, who, subject to the authority of the chief justice of the Supreme Court, has administrative authority for the court of appeals.

Salary: \$189,325 chief judge; \$180,313 judges



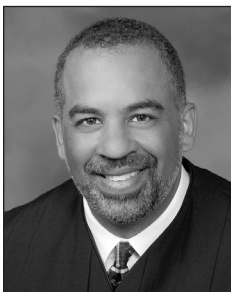
Chief Judge Jennifer L. Frisch (10)
 Fourth Congressional District

Macalester College (B.A., *magna cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*). Attorney, Kelly & Berens, P.A.; Senior Associate General Counsel, University of Minnesota Appointed May 4, 2020. Elected 2022. Appointed chief judge January 1, 2025.



Renee L. Worke (6)
 First Congressional District

Owatonna. Minnesota State University Mankato (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1980); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); Partner, Rietz, Rietz, Rietz & Worke (1984–96); Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District (1984–96); Administrative Law Judge, Child Support Division, Office of Administrative Hearings (1994–96); judge, Third Judicial District (1996–2005). Appointed June 9, 2005. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018, 2024.



Kevin G. Ross (15)
Third Congressional District

Minnetonka. University of Iowa (B.A.); University of Iowa (J.D., with high distinction and additional honors); Police Officer, Iowa City; Clerk, United States District Court, District of Minnesota, for Chief Judge Paul A. Magnuson; Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, for Judge Donald P. Lay; Private Practice, Greene Espel Law Firm (1997–2006). Appointed February 23, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.



Francis J. Connolly (19)

Minneapolis. Columbia University (B.A., 1980); Georgetown University (M.S., 1984); Georgetown University School of Law (J.D., 1984); Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program (1984–86); Private Practice, Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman (1986–87); Private Practice, Dorsey & Whitney (1987–92); Special Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney (1989); Associate General Counsel, Kraus-Anderson Realty, Co. (1994–98); Judge, Fourth Judicial District (1998–2007). Appointed January 1, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.



Matthew E. Johnson (17)

St. Paul. St. Olaf College (B.A., 1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1992); Clerk, United States District, Southern District of Iowa; for Chief Judge Charles R. Wolle (1992–93); Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit for Judge David R. Hansen (1993–94); Private Practice, Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman, Ltd. (1994–95); Private Practice, Smith Parker, P.L.L.P. (1995–2001); private practice, Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson, P.A. (2001–07). Appointed January 1, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022. Appointed Chief Judge November 1, 2010.



Michelle A. Larkin (11)
Sixth Congressional District

Big Lake. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1988); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1992); Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Hennepin County (1992–2001); Senior Attorney and Trial Team Supervisor, Office of the Public Defender, Hennepin County (2001–05); Judge, Tenth District court (2005–08). Appointed July 14, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.



Louise Dovre Bjorkman (5)

Roseville. Luther College (B.A., 1982); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1985); partner and attorney, Rider, Bennett, Egan & Arundel (1985–98); judge, Second Judicial District (1998–2005); partner Larson King, L.L.P. (2005–08). Appointed September 8, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.



Peter M. Reyes, Jr. (16)

Inver Grove Heights. University of St. Thomas (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1997); Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi (1997–2001); Partner, Barnes & Thornburg (2013–2014); National President, Hispanic National Bar Association (2012–2013). Appointed April 7, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.



Tracy M. Smith (4)

Walker. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); Emory University (LL.M., 1987); Private Practice (1976–91); Judge, Ninth Judicial District (1991–2012). Appointed February 3, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.



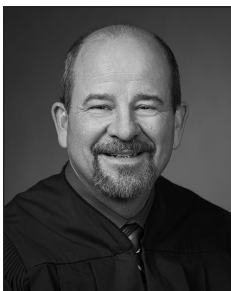
Diane B. Bratvold (12)

Walker. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); Emory University (LL.M., 1987); Private Practice (1976–91); judge, Ninth Judicial District (1991–2012). Appointed March 24, 2016. 2014. Elected 2018, 2024.



Jeanne M. Cochran (13)

Dartmouth College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif, 1992); Associate Attorney, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (1992-1994); Associate Attorney, Leonard, Street & Deinard (1994-1998); Attorney/Legislative Analyst, Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department (1998-2000); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (2000-2012) Administrative Law Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2012-2018). Appointed November 9, 2018. Elected 2020.



Randall J. Slieter (9)

Seventh Congressional District

Olivia. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1986); Private Practice (1986-94), Judge, 8th Judicial District (1994-2018). Appointed December 3, 2018. Elected 2020.



Sarah I. Wheelock (3)

Second Congressional District

University of Iowa (B.A. with distinction and honors, J.D. with distinction and honors); Legal Counsel, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake; Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law; Appellate Judge, White Earth Band of Chippewa Court of Appeals. Appointed January 10, 2022. Elected 2024.



Elise L. Larson (14)

Eighth Congressional District

Concordia College (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Attorney, Briggs and Morgan P.A.; Law Clerk, Chief Judge John Tunheim, U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota; Law Clerk, Judge Myron Bright, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; Law Clerk, Chief Justice Lorie Gildea, Minnesota Supreme Court; Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School; Water Program Director and Senior Attorney, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. Appointed July 1, 2022. Elected 2024.



Jon Schmidt (2)

University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Clerk, Honorable Natalie E. Hudson; Clerk, Judge Myron H. Bright; Shareholder, Briggs and Morgan P.A.; Principal Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 5, 2023. Elected 2024.



Keala C. Ede (8)

Occidental College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2000); University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2003); Clerk, Associate Justice Steven H. Levinson. Hawai'i Supreme Court (2003-2005); Associate Attorney, Cades Schutte, L.L.P. (2005-2006); Associate Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller, & Ciresi, L.L.P. (2007-2009); Assistant Public Defender, American Samoa Office of the Public Defender (2009-2010); Deputy Public Defender, Orange County Office of the Public Defender (2010-2015); Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (2015-2016); Assistant Federal Defender, Office of the Federal Defender (2016-2022). Judge, District Court (2022-2023). Appointed March 8, 2022. Elected 2024.



JaPaul Harris (18)

Syracuse University (B.A., 2000); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 2003); Private Law Practice, Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly LLP (1983-93); Policy Fellows Program, University of Minnesota, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs (2007-2008); Staff Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; Minneapolis Public School District; Managing/Supervising Attorney, Mid Minnesota Legal Aid; Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law; Judicial Referee, Hennepin County District Court (2012-2018). Judge, Ramsey County District Court (2018-2024). Appointed March 18, 2024.



Elizabeth G. Bentley (1)

Northwestern University (B.A., with honors, 2007); Harvard Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013); Legal Fellow, Vera Institute of Justice; Clerk, Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; Clerk, Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Managing Associate, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe L.L.P.; Clerk, Honorable Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Supreme Court; Associate, Jones Day; Special Counsel, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Amy Klobuchar; Visiting Assistant Professor and Director of the Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, University of Minnesota Law School. Appointed August 1, 2024.



Rachel Bond (7)
Fifth Congressional District

University of Toronto (B.A., honors); Boston University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*); Clerk, Chief Judge Boyce F. Martin, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Associate, Shearman & Sterling; Associate, Faegre & Benson, L.L.P.; Assistant State Public Defender, Office of the Minnesota Appellate Public Defender; Managing Attorney, Office of the Minnesota Appellate Public Defender. Appointed January 3, 2025.

**CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT
SINCE STATEHOOD**

Name	Post Office	Appointed
LaFayette Emmett	St. Paul	May 24, 1858
Thomas Wilson	Winona	January 10, 1865
James Gilfillan	St. Paul	July 14, 1869
Christopher G. Ripley	Chatfield	January 7, 1870
Samuel J. R. McMillan	St. Paul	April 7, 1874
James Gilfillan	St. Paul	March 10, 1875
Charles M. Start	Rochester	January 7, 1895
Calvin L. Brown	Morris	January 7, 1913
Samuel B. Wilson	Mankato	September 29, 1923
John P. Devaney	Minneapolis	August 25, 1933
Henry M. Gallagher	Waseca	February 15, 1937
Charles Loring	Crookston	January 3, 1944
Roger L. Dell	Fergus Falls	July 16, 1953
Oscar R. Knutson	Warren	January 25, 1962
Robert J. Sheran	St. Paul	December 18, 1973
Douglas K. Amdahl	Minneapolis	December 18, 1981
Peter S. Popovich	St. Mary's Point	February 1, 1989
Alexander M. (Sandy) Keith	Rochester	December 1, 1990
Kathleen A. Blatz	Bloomington	January 29, 1998
Russell A. Anderson	Greenfield	January 11, 2006
Eric J. Magnuson	Inver Grove Heights	June 2, 2008
Lorie Skjerven Gildea	Minneapolis	July 1, 2010
Natalie E. Hudson	Roseville	October 2, 2023

CHIEF JUDGES OF THE MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

Name	Post Office	Appointed
Peter S. Popovich	Chisholm	November 2, 1983
D. D. Wozniak	St. Paul	November 1987
Paul H. Anderson	Inver Grove Heights	September 1, 1992
Anne V. Simonett	St. Louis Park	July 1, 1994
Edward Toussaint Jr.	Minneapolis	March 13, 1995
Matthew E. Johnson	St. Paul	November 1, 2010
Edward J. Cleary	St. Paul	September 18, 2013
Susan Segal	Minneapolis	May 1, 2020
Jennifer L. Frisch	St. Paul	January 1, 2025

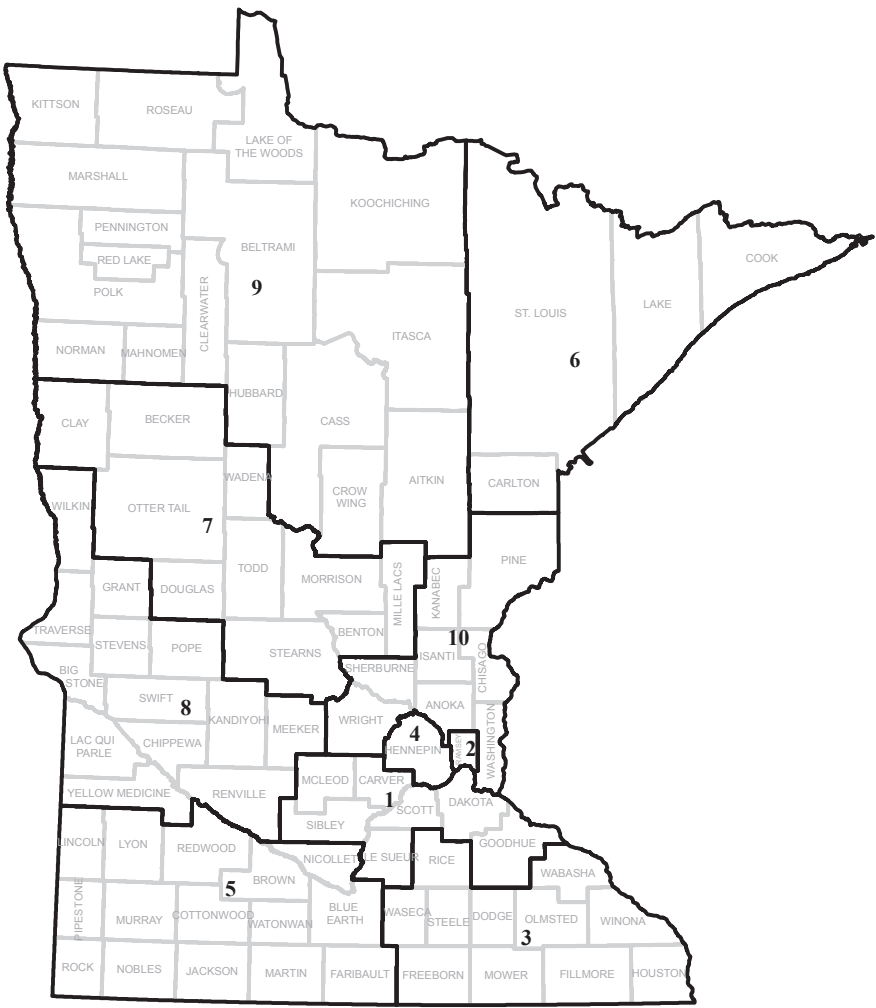
MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

Jurisdiction: Minnesota has a District Court, divided into 10 judicial districts. The chief justice of the Supreme Court has the power to assign judges from one district to serve in another. The Constitution provides that the District Court has original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases and such appellate jurisdiction as may be prescribed by law.

Judges: Each district has three or more judges. Judges are elected by the voters of the district to six-year terms; vacancies are filled by governor's appointments. Judges are nominated and elected without party designation. Judges of each district elect a chief judge and assistant chief judge to exercise general administrative authority over the courts of the district.

Salary: \$173,391 chief judges; \$165,136 judges

Website: www.mncourts.gov



Note: Judicial districts comprise whole counties.

FIRST DISTRICT

District Administrator: Brian E. Jones

Office: 1620 South Frontage Rd., Suite 200, Hastings, MN 55033

Phone: (651) 438-4352 **Website:** www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/First-Judicial-District.aspx

The First Judicial District has 36 judges and more than 250 staff that handle over 95,000 cases annually in the counties of Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley.

Chief Judge Caroline H. Lennon (25) St. Olaf College (B.A., 1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1989); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (1990–2008). Appointed November 3, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Judge Christopher J. Lehmann (23) Concordia College (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994). Associate, Grannis & Grannis (1994–1997); Assistant City Attorney, St. Paul (1997–1998); Assistant Public Defender, First Judicial District (1999–2014); Partner, Grannis & Lehmann (2012–2014). Appointed October 10, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Christopher D. Bates (34) Hamline University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Assistant County Attorney, McLeod County Attorney's Office; Assistant City Attorney, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Deputy Director, Minnesota Cannabis Expungement Board. Appointed December 2, 2024.

Douglas C. Bayley (30) Carleton College (B.A., 1986); Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (M.A., 1991); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 2004); U.S. Peace Corps; Peace Corps Volunteer – Lawra, Ghana (1986–1988); Office of U.S. Senator Max Baucus; Legislative Correspondent; Washington, DC (1992); U.S. Department of State; Foreign Service Officer; Kathmandu, Nepal, Kampala, Uganda, and Washington, DC (1992–2000); Hennepin County Public Defender's Office; Law Clerk (2002–2003); Lundblad, Fossum & Zrimsek L.L.P.; Contract Attorney (2004–2005); First Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Assistant Public Defender (2005 – 2016). Appointed July 20, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Patrick M. Biren (8) St. John's University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable Michael T. De Courcy, Ramsey County District Court; Partner, Brownson & Linnihan, PLLP; Managing Shareholder, Stich, Angell Kreidler & Unke, P.A. Appointed March 5, 2020. Elected 2022.

Eric J. Braaten (21) St. Olaf College (B.A.), Marquette University (J.D.) Attorney, Braaten & Braaten; appointed October 30, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Jamie L. Cork (24) Fox Valley Technical College (A.A., 1992); Mount Senario College (B.S., 1994); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1998); Counselor, Ryan Community, Inc.; Correctional Officer, WI Dept of Corrections; Patrol Officer/Dispatcher/Correctional Officer, Outagamie/Winnebago/Calumet County Sheriffs; Adjunct Professor, Hamline University and University of St. Thomas Schools of Law; Law Clerk, Hennepin County Attorney and Public Defender offices; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (1999–2016). Appointed August 3, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Amber R. Donley (17) Concordia College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Contract Attorney, Tenth District Public Defender's Office; Associate Corporate Counsel, MGEX; Attorney, Gavin, Winters & Long, Ltd.; Shareholder/Managing Partner, Gavin, Donley & Ostlund, Ltd.; Attorney, Melchert Hubert Sjodin, PLLP. Appointed May 11, 2020. Elected in 2022.

Dannia L. Edwards (3) Albion College (B.A.); Wayne State University (M.B.A.); The Ohio State University College of Law (J.D.); Tax Associate, Coopers & Lybrand; Trial attorney, Legal Rights Center; Senior associate, Hassan & Reed, Ltd.; Contract attorney; Milberg, Weiss via Esquire Group; Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Assistant Public Defender, First Judicial District Public Defender's Office. Appointed October 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

Bryce A.D. Ehrman (20) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Assistant County Attorney III, Scott County Attorney's Office; Guardian ad Litem Coordinator, First Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Sibley County; Associate Attorney, Schauer Law Office. Appointed November 29, 2021. Elected 2024.

Martin S. Fallon (5) St. John's University (B.A., *cum laude*); University of Minnesota (M.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*); Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court, District of Minnesota, Hon. David S. Doty; Associate, Faegre & Benson, LLP (2002-2006); Associate, Maslon, Edelman, Borman, & Brand, LLP (2006-2009); Partner, Maslon, LLP (2009-2020). Appointed June 29, 2020. Elected 2022.

Patrick Goggins (9) St. Norbert College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law clerk, Dakota County Attorney's Office; Attorney, First Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Defense Counsel, Le Sueur County Drug Court; Partner, Wornson Goggins law firm, New Prague. Appointed August 8, 2019. Elected 2020.

Kathryn Iverson Landrum (32) Macalester College (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Division Manager, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General; Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General; Associate Attorney, Stinson Leonard Street LLP; Honors Attorney, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Judicial Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Appointed May 31, 2022. Elected 2024.

Adam Johnson (36) University of Minnesota, Morris (B.A., 2001); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 2004); Law Clerk, Grand Forks Regional Child Support Unit; Associate Attorney, Phillips & Associates; Assistant Attorney General, Unity Chief Counsel, Arizona Office of the Attorney General - Protective Services Section; Assistant Nobles County Attorney, Nobles County Attorney's Office; Assistant Rice County Attorney, Supervising Attorney, Chief Assistant County Attorney, Rice County Attorney's Office; Deputy County Administrator, Rice County. Appointed November 16, 2023.

Lauren M. Johnson (15) Minnesota State University, Mankato (B.S., 2010); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2013); Staff Attorney, Autism Advocacy & Law Center; Assistant County Attorney, McLeod County Attorney's Office; Associate Attorney, Melchert Hubert Sjodin. Appointed November 13, 2023.

Colleen G. King (22) College of St. Benedict (B.A.); Hamline University (J.D.); Appointed November 18, 2013. Elected 2016, 2022.

David L. Knutson (6) St. Olaf College (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1986); private practice (1986-2004); Minnesota Senate (1993-2004). Appointed June 29, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018, 2024.

David Lutz (28) University of Minnesota (B.A., *summa cum laude*); University of Michigan (J.D.); Partner, Bowman and Brooke LLP. Appointed March 4, 2020. Elected 2022.

Jessica J.W. Maher (29) Minnesota State University, Mankato (B.A.); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D.); Law clerk, Office of the General Counsel, University of Minnesota; Judicial law clerk, Honorable Gary Crippen, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Clinical instructor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Shareholder, Berg, Debele, DeSmidt & Rabuse, P.A. Appointed August 7, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Krista M. Marks (2) University of Saint Thomas (B.S., *cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Attorney and Expungement Program Director, Neighborhood Justice Center Inc.; Public Defender, Hennepin County. Appointed January 23, 2024.

Michael J. Mayer (14) St. Mary's University, Winona (B.A., *cum laude*, 1981); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., law review, 1985); prosecuting attorney, city of Burnsville (1986-2004); prosecuting attorney, city of Eagan (1989-2004); private practice (1985-2004). Appointed June 19, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018, 2024.

Cynthia L. McCollum (13) University of Minnesota (B.A. 1980); William Mitchell College of

Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1985); Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender Associate (1985-1996); Senior Attorney (1996-2014); William Mitchell College of Law Adjunct Professor (1987-Present); Hamline Law School Adjunct Professor (2003-Present); N.I.T. A. Programs Faculty (Texas, Colorado, Minnesota); Appointed October 20, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Luis Morales (16) University of St. Thomas (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Defense Counsel, Ramsey County Veterans Treatment Court and Ramsey County DUI Court; Staff Attorney and Director of Community Engagement, Neighborhood Justice Center. Appointed July 15, 2024.

Tanya O. O'Brien (27) Hamline University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, the Honorable Lynn C. Olson and the Honorable Ellen L. Maas, Tenth Judicial District; Assistant Scott County Attorney; Assistant Ramsey County Attorney. Appointed April 9, 2018. Elected in 2020.

Ann M. Offermann (1) Cornell College (B.A., 1991); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 1994); Assistant Attorney General, State of Minnesota (1995-99); Assistant Attorney, Dakota County (1999-2012). Appointed October 5, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Tracy Perzel (4) University of St. Thomas (B.A., *magna cum laude*); University of Minnesota (J.D., *cum laude*); Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office; Criminal Division Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office. Appointed January 2, 2019. Elected in 2020.

Matthew Schmidt (7) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Honorable Joy D. Bartscher, Second Judicial District; Part-time Public Defender, First Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Partner, Ho & Schmidt, LLP. Appointed Nov. 25, 2024.

Stacey E. Sorensen Green (35) Macalester College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Law Offices of John C. Syverson; Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association; Associate Attorney, Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug and Bradt. Appointed March 15, 2022. Elected 2024.

Tori K. Stewart (33) University of Minnesota - Twin Cities (B.A., 2001); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2005); Legal Assistant - Criminal Division, United States Attorney's Office Minneapolis, MN; Law Clerk (Volunteer Position), Dunn County, Wisconsin Circuit Court; Law Clerk, Ulvin and Sullivan Attorneys P.A.; Associate Attorney, Hughes & Costello; Assistant County Attorney, Rice County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney IV, Dakota County Attorney's Office. Appointed May 8, 2023.

Vicki Vial Taylor (19) Central College (B.A., *magna cum laude*); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D. *cum laude*); Assistant Carver County Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney; Senior Assistant County Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Appointed November 5, 2018. Elected 2020.

Paula D. Vraa (10) University of Minnesota (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak, and Pikala, P.A.; Appellate law clerk, the Honorable Harriet Lansing and the Honorable Jack Davies, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Partner, Rider Bennett, LLP; No-fault arbitrator, AAA; Adjunct professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law and University of St. Thomas School of Law; Partner, Larson King, LLP. Appointed September 11, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Richelle M. Wahi (31) College of St. Catherine (B.A., *magna cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Henson & Efron (2003-2008); Attorney, Moss & Barnett (2008-2011); Conciliation Court Referee, Dakota County; Partner, Lindquist & Venum LLP (2011-2016). Appointed February 26, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Charles Webber (11) University of Minnesota (B.A. *summa cum laude*); The University of Chicago Law School (J.D. with honors); Partner, Faegre Dinker Biddle and Reath LLP. Appointed May 17, 2021. Elected 2022.

Michael D. Wentzell (12) Concordia College: Moorhead (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1995); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1998); Associate Attorney, Collins,

Buckley, Sauntry & Haugh, P.L.L.P. (1998–2000); Assistant County Attorney, Carver County Attorney's Office (2000–10); Chief Deputy County Attorney, Carver County attorney's Office (2011–13). Appointed January 31, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Christian S. Wilton (18) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); Law Clerk, Special Assistant Attorney, Assistant Attorney, Ramsey County (1992–94; 1994–95; 1995–2002); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota (2002–12). Appointed September 27, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Jody L. Winters (26) University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Assistant McLeod County Attorney; Qualified Neutral / Mediator / Social Early Neutral Evaluator/Financial Early Neutral Evaluator; Gavin, Winters, Donley & Ostlund, Ltd., Shareholder /Managing Partner. Appointed June 9, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024

SECOND DISTRICT

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The Second District Administration Office oversees the general operation of the Ramsey County District Court and handles matters not confined to a particular department, such as budget and accounting, human resources, and maintenance of the computer network.

Chief Judge Sara Grewing (9) University of Minnesota (B.M., 1999); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2003) Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, 2003–2004, private practice (2004–05) Staff to Senator Amy Klobuchar (2005–2007) Chief of Staff to Mayor Coleman, St. Paul (2007–2010), Saint Paul City Attorney (2010–2014). Appointed February 2, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Judge Kelly L. Olmstead (27) University of Minnesota (B.A.), Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Judicial law clerk, the Honorable Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks of the Minnesota Court of Appeals; Civil Trial Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P.; Assistant Ramsey County Attorney. Appointed August 6, 2018. Elected 2020.

Reynaldo A. Aligada Jr. (18) St. John's University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Wilhelmina M. Wright, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Davis, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota; Associate Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP; First Assistant Federal Defender, Office of the Federal Defender, Minneapolis. Appointed September 23, 2019. Elected 2020.

Joy D. Bartscher (7) University of St. Catherine (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1986); Private Practice (1987–88); Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc. (1988–2007); Private Practice (2007–12). Appointed October 30, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Jessica Bierwerth (14) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Legal Analyst, Minnesota Department of Economic and Employment Development; Law Clerk, Associate Attorney, Thomsen & Nybeck, PA; Assistant County Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office. Appointed October 22, 2024.

David C. Brown (17) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., *magna cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Chief Deputy Hennepin County Attorney. Appointed March 3, 2020. Elected 2022.

Timothy Carey (3) St. John's University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney; Sex Offender Evaluator and Probation Officer, Ramsey County Community Corrections. Appointed April 25, 2022. Elected 2024.

Leonardo Castro (1) University of Maryland (B.S., 1988); Northern Illinois University School of Law (J.D., 1992); United States Air Force (1981–89); Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1992–93); Riha Law Office (1992–93); Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's

Office (1994–2001); Fourth Judicial District Public Defender’s Office (2001–08); Second Judicial District Public Defender’s Office (2009–12). Appointed June 18, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Kellie M. Charles (10) Miami University, Ohio (B.A., 1993); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997); Attorney, Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office (1997–2014); Senior Attorney, Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office (2014–2020). Appointed August 10, 2020. Elected 2022.

Thomas A. Gilligan, Jr. (21) University of Wisconsin–Madison (B.A. 1986); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. 1989); Murnane Brandt (1990–2014). Appointed September 2, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Andrew Gordon (5) Macalester College (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Deputy Director of Community Legal Services, Legal Rights Center; Staff Attorney, Committee for Public Counsel Services. Appointed September 20, 2021. Elected 2022.

DeAnne M. Hilgers (2) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Reporter, The Forum, Fargo, ND; Judicial law clerk, the Honorable Russell Anderson, Minnesota Supreme Court, and the Honorable Michael Kirk, Seventh Judicial District; Adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law; Equity partner, Lindquist & Vennum, LLP. Appointed January 3, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Mark R. Ireland, (16) St. Paul. Southern Methodist University (B.A., 1996); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D. *cum laude*, 2000); Assistant Attorney General (2000–04; 2005–07); Private Practice (2004–05) Supervising Attorney, Housing Preservation Project (2007–10). Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Veena Iyer (24) University of Chicago (B.A.); Harvard Law School (J.D.); Law Clerk, Honorable Matthew Kennelly, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois; Law Clerk, Honorable Susan Burke, Fourth Judicial District; Law Clerk, Honorable Natalie Hudson, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Equal Justice Works Fellow, Legal Aid Chicago; Shareholder, Nilan Johnson Lewis; Executive Director, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. Appointed on July 15, 2024.

Jacob Kraus (22) University of St. Thomas (B.A., *summa cum laude*); Notre Dame Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Senior Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office; Division Manager, Minnesota Attorney General’s Office; Associate Attorney, Faegre and Benson LLP, Law Clerk, Ramsey County District Court; Appointed April 25, 2022. Elected 2024.

Richard H. Kyle Jr. (6) St. Olaf College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law clerk to the Honorable Margaret M. Marrinan, Judge, Ramsey County District Court; Law clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Devitt, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court; Associate attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi; Private practice, Kyle Law Office; Shareholder, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. Appointed September 4, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Maria Mitchell (19) Fisk University (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender, State Board of Public Defense; Law Clerk to the Honorable Tanya M. Bransford, Forth Judicial District; Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Nassau County. Appointed June 13, 2022. Elected 2024.

Timothy Mulrooney (29) University of Notre Dame (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Richard B. Solum, Fourth Judicial District; Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney; Attorney and Shareholder, Henson & Efron, P.A.; Judicial Referee, Family Court Division, Fourth Judicial District. Appointed November 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Laura Nelson (4) University of Redlands, Johnston Center (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial law clerk, Honorable Kathryn L. Quaintance, Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District; Staff attorney, The Advocates for Human Rights; Attorney, Robins Kaplan, LLP. Appointed June 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Edward Sheu (25) University of Wisconsin (B.A.); University of California, Los Angeles (J.D.) Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Associate Attorney, Barna, Guzy & Steffen; Partner, Best & Flanagan LLP. Appointed August 3, 2020. Elected in 2022.

Stephen L. Smith (23) University of Nebraska (B.A., 1984); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 1987); Attorney, Sprenger & Lang (1993-1996); Attorney, Messerli & Kramer P.A. (1997-2000); Assistant State Public Defender, Minnesota State Appellate Defender (2001-2015); Stephen L. Smith, PLLC (2001-2015). Appointed December 1, 2015. Elected 2018, 2024.

Nicole J. Starr (12) St. Paul, University of Minnesota (B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1999); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2003); Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (1987-1993); Constitutional Court of South Africa (2003-04); Office of the Public Defender (2005-2014). Appointed January 26, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Stacy Deery Stennes (13) College of Saint Benedict (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Attorney, Conlin Law Firm, LLC. Appointed October 1, 2024.

Jennifer Verdeja (28) University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Community Corrections Worker, Ramsey County; Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District; Assistant Director, Trial and Pretrial Justice Division, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Anoka County. Appointed September 23, 2024.

Sophia Y. Vuelo (15) University of Minnesota (B.A.), Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Managing Attorney, Catholic Charities; Assistant Rochester City Attorney; Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District; Special Assistant Ramsey County Attorney; Solo practitioner, Vuelo Law. Appointed December 18, 2017. Elected 2020.

Adam C. Yang (11) University of Minnesota (B.S., 1993); University of Minnesota (M.S., 1995); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1998); Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Justice Center (1999-2001); Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County Public Defender's Office (2001-2019). Elected 2018, 2024.

Der Yang (26) Hamline University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Special Public Defender, Sixth Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Founder and Managing Attorney, Village Lawyer. Appointed November 12, 2024

P. Paul Yang (20) Concordia University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Part-time Assistant Public Defender, First Judicial District; Private Practice, Paul Yang Law Office. Elected 2018, 2024.

THIRD DISTRICT

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The Third Judicial District consists of the eleven counties of Southeast Minnesota including Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, and Winona. Twenty-four judges and one referee serve the District.

Chief Judge Joseph A. Bueltel (23) Normandale Community College (A.A., with honors, 1982); University of Minnesota (B.A., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1987); Private Practice (1988-94); Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District (1992-99); Chief Public Defender, Third Judicial District (1999-2002). Appointed April 19, 2002. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Judge Christine A. Long (12) Luther College (B.A., 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1991); Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1990-91); Private Practice (1991-99); Assistant Steele County Attorney (1991-2010). Appointed June, 18, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Jacob C. Allen, (4) Wheaton College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1997), University of Minnesota (J.D. *cum laude*, 2001); Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Joseph F. Wieners (2001-2002); Associate Attorney, Third District Public Defender's Office (2002-2007); Partner, O'Brien & Wolf L.L.P. (2013-2017); Managing Attorney, Third District Public Defender's Office (2017-2018); Owner, Allen & Associates L.L.C. Appointed August 31, 2018. Elected 2020.

Karie M. Anderson (2) Minnesota State University, Mankato (B.A.); William Mitchell School of Law (J.D.) Faculty Member, National Center for DWI Courts; Referee, Waseca County Conciliation Court; Defense Counsel, Steele-Waseca Drug Court; Shareholder, Patton, Hoversten & Berg, P.A. Appointed March 20, 2020. Elected 2022.

Nancy L. Buytendorp (11) University of Wisconsin, Madison (BBA, 1988); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1991); Winona County Attorney's Office (1992–2008); adjunct professor, Winona State University (1997–2003). Appointed August 22, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Jeremy Clinefelter (19) Graceland College (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (2001–02); Assistant County Attorney (2003–14), Lead Criminal Attorney (2014–16), Mower County Attorney's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Minnesota Board of Public Defense (2016–21); Attorney, Donnelly Law Office (2016–21); Managing Attorney, Minnesota Board of Public Defense (2021–22); Appointed December 7, 2022. Elected 2024.

Christa M. Daily (24) St. Olaf College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Assistant Stearns County Attorney; Associate, Adams, Rizzi & Sween, P.A.; Assistant Mower County Attorney; Assistant Third District Public Defender. Appointed June 10, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Karen R. Duncan (6) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1988); Assistant Attorney, Rice County (1989–93); Olmsted County (1993–94); Benton County, Iowa (1994–99); Associate Attorney, Charnetski, Olson, Lacina and Garland (1999–2000); Sole Practitioner, Duncan Law Office (2000–01); Assistant Public Defender, Chief Public Defender, Third Judicial District (2000–07; 2008–13). Appointed March 1, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Erin Lindhart Felten (15) Luther College (B.A.); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey LLP; Referee, Third Judicial District, Olmsted County. Appointed August 6, 2024

Debra A. Groehler (20) University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Managing Attorney, Civil Division of the Olmsted County Attorney's Office; Executive Director of Legal Assistance of Olmsted County; Private Practice; Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Gerard W. Ring. Appointed March 3, 2023. Elected 2024.

Carol M. Hanks (8) Minnesota State University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk to Judge Renee Worke (2004), Judge Casey Christian and Judge Joseph Bueltel (2005–2006); Shareholder, Patton Hoversten and Berg, P.A. Appointed March 10, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Lisa R. Hayne (10) Dana College (B.A., 1988); University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D., 1993); Assistant Winona County Attorney, (1995- 2003); Senior Assistant Olmsted County Attorney (2003–08); Associate, George Restovich & Associates (2008–13); Managing Attorney, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2013–17). Appointed October 6, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Christy Hormann (3) University of St. Thomas (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney; Chief Deputy Steele County Attorney; Appointed April 8, 2022. Elected 2024.

Jeffrey M. Johnson (22) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A.), William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Partner, Schurhammer & Johnson, P.A.; President, Jeffrey M. Johnson, P.A.; Interim Managing Attorney and Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Third Judicial District Chief Public Defender. Appointed March 23, 2018. Elected in 2020.

Pamela A. W. King (9) Drake University (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2000); Dodge County District Court, Guardian ad Litem / Assistant Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program Coordinator (1995–1998); Law Clerk, Associate Attorney Baker Law Offices, (1997–2000, 2001–2008); District Court Law Clerk, Third Judicial District (2000–2001); Minnesota State Public Defender, Assistant Third District Public Defender / Assistant State Public Defender (2001–2015). Appointed October 23, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Jeffrey M. Kritzer (13) Stanford University (B.A., 1990); University of Minnesota (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1997); associate attorney, Alderson, Ondov, Leonard, Sween & Rizzi, P.A., (1997–2001); Corporate Attorney, Hormel Foods Corporation (2001–2004); Partner, Baudler, Maus, Forman, Kritzer & Wagner, LLP (2004–2014). Appointed June 20, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Ross Leuning (5) University of South Dakota (B.S., 1983); University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 1986); Specialist 5, Army National Guard (1979–85); JAGC Officer, Captain, Command Judge Advocate Reserve, United States Navy (1986–89; 1986–2005; 2010–11); Assistant Professor, U.S. Naval Academy (1989–91); Partner, Walbran, Furness & Leuning (1991–2007); Senior Assistant Attorney, Olmsted County Attorney's Office (2007–10); U.S. Navy Reserve (1991–present). Appointed August 5, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Dwight Luhmann (7) North Dakota State University (B.S., 1994); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1999); Attorney, David A. Joerg, P.A.; Prosecuting Attorney, Cities of Rushford and Wykoff; Preston City Attorney; Solo practitioner. Appointed July 15, 2024.

Natalie S. Martinez (14) Saint Olaf (B.A., *magna cum laude*); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*); Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (2010–15); Shareholder, Donnelly Law Office (2015–22); Part-time Public Defender, State of Minnesota Public Defender's Office (2015–22); Appointed on August 19, 2022. Elected 2024.

Christopher A. Neisen (17) Managing Partner, Wornson, Goggins, Neisen, Morris & Brever, P.C.; Deputy Scott County Examiner of Titles; First Judicial District Child Support Magistrate; Partner, O'Neill, Traxler, Zard, Neisen & Morris, Ltd.; City Prosecutor, City of New Prague. Appointed June 29, 2018. Elected 2020.

Kevin H. Siefken (18) University of Northern Iowa (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1995); Private Practice (1995–2014); Part-time Public Defender (1996–2001); Appointed June 6, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Christina K. Stevens (1) Minnesota State University, Moorhead (B.A., 1995); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1997); Private Practice (1998–2010); Third Judicial District Conciliation Court Referee (2009). Appointed December 3, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Carmaine M. Sturino (16) University of Wisconsin - La Crosse (B.A.); Drake University (J.D.); Assistant Winona County Attorney; Solo practitioner; Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District. Appointed September 17, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Kathy M. Wallace (21) Hamline University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1993); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1996). Clerk, Honorable Casey J. Christian, Third Judicial District, Steele County (1996–97), Assistant Mower County Attorney (1997–99); Office of the Olmsted County Attorney (1999–2013). Appointed November 15, 2013. Elected 2016, 2022.

FOURTH DISTRICT

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Chief Judge Kerry W. Meyer (5) Alma College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1990); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (1992–2006). Appointed August 7, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Assistant Chief Judge Mark J. Kappelhoff (48) St. John's University (B.S., 1983); American University, Washington College of Law (J.D., 1988); Associate Clinical Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School; Special Counsel, Civil Rights Division, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant United

States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota; Assistant Public Defender, Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Julie E. Allyn (62) University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1995, *cum laude*). Assistant United States Attorney, US Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota. Appointed November 23, 2020. Elected 2022.

Jamie Anderson (40) University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1997); California Western School of Law (J.D., 2000); Howse and Thompson, P.A.; Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry; Appointed December 30, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Anna Andow (8) University of Baylor (B.A.), University of Texas at Arlington (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Child Support Magistrate, Family Law Justice Center, Minneapolis; Staff attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. Appointed March 8, 2021. Elected 2022.

Shereen M. Askalani (17) Minnesota State University - Mankato (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 2002); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney - Criminal Division, Juvenile Division and Child Support Division (2002-2016); Mitchell Hamline Adjunct Professor. Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Luis A. Bartolomei (42) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1991); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1994); Assistant Public Defender, Third and Tenth Judicial Districts (1994-99); James C. Selmer and Associates (1999-2001); University of Minnesota Office of Student Affairs - Student Legal Service (2001-11). Appointed January 9, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Bev Benson (53) Augsburg College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1981); Graduate Studies, Luther Seminary (1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); State Services for the Blind Interviewer (1980-1982); Assistant Stearns County Attorney (1986-89); Adjunct Instructor, William Mitchell College of Law (1999); Special Prosecutor, Ramsey and Anoka Counties (2005-2014); Violent Crimes Prosecutor, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1989-2015). Elected 2014, 2020.

Gina M. Brandt (19) College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1988); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Philip T. Kanning, First Judicial District (1991-93); Associate Attorney, Assistant Hutchinson City Attorney, Arnold and McDowell (1993-95); Chief of Criminal Prosecution, Assistant City Attorney, City of Hutchinson (1995-96); Criminal Division, Carver County Attorney's Office (1996-99); Associate Attorney, Assistant Chief, Criminal Prosecution; Cities of Plymouth, Burnsville, Lakeville, Farmington, Campbell Knutson, P.A. (1996-2006); Adjunct Faculty, Mitchell Hamline School of Law (2014-present). Appointed June 9, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Amber M. Brennan (22) San Diego State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1992); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1998); Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (2005-07); Staff Attorney (1998-2005), Lead Project Attorney (2007-2010), Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis; Assistant County Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (2010-12); Assistant United States Attorney (2012-22). Appointed April 11, 2022. Elected 2024.

Michael K. Browne (9) University of Minnesota - Duluth (B.A., 1995); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1999); Law Clerk, Hennepin County Public Defender's Office; Judicial Clerk for Judge Lajune T. Lange; Staff Attorney, Centro Legal Inc.; Associate Attorney; Blackwell Igbunugo Engen & Saffold, PA; Assistant Public Defender, Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Private practice (2003-2005); Director, Outreach and Enforcement, Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights; Legal Affairs Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Rights; Assistant Director - Complaint Investigations / Director, Office of Police Conduct Review, Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights (2005-2015); Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas (2006-present). Appointed September 4, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Jean E. Burdorf (10) Michigan State University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Managing Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Special Litigation Division. Appointed September 19, 2022. Elected 2024.

Susan N. Burke (18) Hanover College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1987); University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1990); Law Clerk, United States District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson

(1990-1992); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Honors Program (1992-94); Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota (1994-2004). Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Michael E. Burns (12) Brown University (B.A.); Hamline University (M.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Probation officer, Hennepin County Community Corrections; Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General; Associate attorney, Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson, P.A.; Adjunct Professor, Hamline University; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney. Appointed November 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Hilary Lindell Caligiuri (41) University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A. with Honors, 1993); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996); Assistant Minnesota Attorney General, Deputy Minnesota Attorney General (1997-2004); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (2004-2014). Appointed September 8, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Marta M. Chou (23) Michigan State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1999); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D. 2003); private practice (2003-2014). Appointed February 3, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Thomas J. Conley (3) University of Notre Dame (B.A. 1983, *magna cum laude*); University of Michigan Law School (J.D. 1989, *cum laude*); Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis (1989-1993); private practice (1993-2017); Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law. Appointed October 2, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Lois Regnier Conroy (44) Georgetown University (Engelcliff Scholar, 1993); University of Minnesota: Morris (B.A., with honors and distinction, 1994); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997); private practice (1997-98); prosecutor, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office (1998-2013); deputized prosecutor, Hennepin County Attorney's Office; adjunct professor, University of Minnesota Law School (2000). Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Theresa Couri (46) University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, (B.S.W., 1988), University of Loyola Chicago School of Law 1991, (J.D., Loyola Law Review Lead Articles Editor); Managing Hennepin County Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney; Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General; Legal Writing Instructor, William Mitchell College of Law; Litigation Associate, Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly; Certified Law Student, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago; Appointed on March 8, 2021. Elected 2022.

Amy Dawson (61) Oberlin College (B.A., 1989); Indiana University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1992); associate, Faegre and Benson, 1992-1994; collegiate coach and instructor, 1994-1995; private practice/in-house counsel/lobbyist, 1996-2003; Health Information and Advocacy Coordinator, PACER Center, 2005-7; private practice/lobbyist 2008-2014; founder and Executive Director, Autism Advocacy and Law Center, 2009-2014. Elected 2014, 2020.

Julia Dayton Klein (36) University of Notre Dame (B.A., *cum laude*, J.D. *cum laude*) Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Charles A. Porter, Jr.; Associate, Moss and Barnett; Associate, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi; General Counsel, Minnesota Department of Commerce; Partner and Trial Lawyer, Lathrop GRM; Appointed June 2, 2021. Elected 2022.

Dean C. Eyler (14). Appointed January 8, 2024.

Todd M. Fellman (29) College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1990); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1993); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (1993-2013); senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (2013-2019); Appointed January 18, 2019. Elected 2020.

Matthew G. Frank (24) University of Wisconsin (B.S., 1987); Hamline University School of Law (J.D. *cum laude*, 1991) Judicial Law Clerk for The Honorable Allen Oleisky, Fourth Judicial District; Associate, Taylor Law Firm; Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Wright County Attorney's Office; Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Appointed May 1, 2023. Elected 2024.

Emily J. Froehle (54) American University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, the Honorable Gina M. Brandt and the Honorable Mark S. Wernick in Minne-

sota's Fourth Judicial District; Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County; Assistant County Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 2024.

Tamara Garcia (7) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Uppsala Universitet, Juridiska Institutionen, Sweden (1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); Attorney, MN Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1987-89); Private Practice (1989-2008); Hearing Examiner (Judge), Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community (1995-2008); director, Board of Directors, State Fund Mutual Insurance Company, (2000-08); hearing examiner (Judge), AMERIND Risk Management Corporation (2007-08). Appointed April 7, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Charlene W. Hatcher (56) University of Minnesota (Business B.A.S., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); Private Practice (1987-88); Special Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1988-92); In-House Corporate Practice (1992-93); Assistant County Attorney - Civil Division, Managing Attorney of Human Services Division, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1993-97; 1997-11; 2011-16). Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Michelle A. Hatcher (25) University of Windsor (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk for Judge Mary Steenson-Dufrense; Assistant Scott County Attorney; Senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Child Protection division; Assistant Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, Civil division; Associate Attorney, Rider Bennett; Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law. Appointed January 18, 2019. Elected 2020.

Melissa J. Houghtaling (13) Hamline University (B.A., 2002); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2007); Private Practice (2007-16); Conciliation Court Referee, Second and Fourth Judicial Districts (2015-17); Hearing Officer, St. Paul Public Housing (2017); Appeals Attorney, Minnesota Tax Court (2016-17); Human Services Judge, Minnesota Department of Human Services (2017); Appointed June 28, 2022. Elected 2024.

Juan G. Hoyos (4) University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.A., 1989); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1992); Assistant State Public Defender (1992-95); Assistant First District Public Defender (1995-98); Assistant Second District Public Defender (1998-2005); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney (2005-14). Appointed September 8, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Sarah E. Huddleston (33) University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., 1998); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2002); Law Clerk to The Honorable Ann D. Montgomery, United States District Court, Minneapolis; Business Litigation Associate, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson; Business Litigation Attorney, Robins, Kaplan LLP; Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota. Appointed May 1, 2023. Elected 2024.

Rachel Hughey (31) University of Wisconsin - Madison, (B.S.); University of Minnesota Law School, (J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Law Review); Merchant & Gould, P.C., Partner and Shareholder, (2003-05, 2008-21); Carlson Caspers Vandenburg & Lindquist, PA, Associate, (2006-08); United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Law clerk for the Honorable Alvin A. Schall, (2005-06); Appointed September 13, 2021. Elected 2022.

Karen A. Janisch (34) College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1992); Associate Attorney and Partner, Private Practice (1993-2003); general counsel, Office of the Minnesota Governor (2003-09). Appointed March 16, 2009. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Lisa K. Janzen (11) College of St. Thomas (B.A., *cum laude*, 1991); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1994); Assistant Public Defender, Seventh District (1995 - 99); Assistant Public Defender, First District (1999 - 2007); Managing Attorney, First District Public Defender (2007 - 16). Appointed July 11, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Joseph R. Klein (26) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1982); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); Private Practice (1987-2009); Associate and Partner, Moss & Barnett, P.A. (1987-2000); Director of Quality Assurance, Medical Evaluations, Inc., (2000-03); Staff Counsel, Zurich Insurance Company (2003-06); Staff Counsel, Progressive Insurance Company (2006-09). Appointed September 8, 2009. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

William H. Koch (1) Duke University School of Engineering (BSCE, 1985); George Washington University School of Law (JD, 1988); Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Force (1988-90); Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (1988-90); Area Defense Counsel, U.S. Air Force (1990-91); Shareholder, Leonard Street and Deinard (1991-98); Partner, Downey Brand Seymour & Rohwer (1998-2000); Assistant U.S. Attorney (2000-07). Appointed May 30, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Carolina A. Lamas (37) University of Minnesota (B.A., *cum laude*, 2000); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2003); assistant Ramsey County Public Defender (2003-2007); Executive Director, Neighborhood Justice Center (2007-2014). Appointed February 3, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

John Lucas (15) University of Minnesota (BA); William Mitchell College of Law (JD); Assistant Public Defender, Boulder, CO (1988-1995); Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County, 1996-2023; Private Law Practice, 2000-2023. Appointed October 6, 2022 Elected 2024.

Francis Magill (2) Georgetown University (B.S., B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1981); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1985); Associate, Dorsey & Whitney (1985-90); Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Minnesota (1990-2010). Appointed July 6, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Bruce D. Manning (60) Carleton College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1996); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2001); Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan (M.P.P., 2001); Private Practice (2001-2014). Appointed February 3, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Kristen Martilla (47) The University of Iowa College of Arts and Sciences (B.A., 2001); The University of Iowa Graduate College (M.S., 2005); The University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 2005); Faegre & Benson; Law Clerk, Honorable Patrick J. Schlitz, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota; Law Clerk, Honorable Eric C. Tostrud, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota; Lockridge Grindal Nauen. Appointed January 8, 2024.

Jane Maschka (16) Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1995); Law Clerk, The Honorable R. Lanier Anderson, U.S. Court of Appeals - 11th Circuit; Associate, WilmerHale; Associate, Nilan Johnson Lewis; Associate, Partner, Faegre Drinker. Appointed April 2, 2024.

Dominick Mathews (28) University of Minnesota (B.A., 2003); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2007); Law Clerk, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office; Law Clerk to the Honorable Toddrick S. Barnette, Fourth Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Senior Attorney, Principal Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Appointed January 8, 2024.

Laurie J. Miller (39) Stanford University (B.A., 1978); Yale Law School (J.D., 1981); Private Practice (1983-2008). Appointed April 7, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Mariam Mokri (32) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 2001); University of Minnesota (B.A., 2002); University of Wisconsin (J.D., 2005); Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County's Public Defender's Office; Referee, Civil & Criminal Divisions, Fourth Judicial District; Human Services Judge, Minnesota Department of Human Services. Appointed December 2024.

Daniel C. Moreno (20) University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1986); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1990); Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender (1991-2006). Appointed May 15, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Jennifer L. Olson (30) University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A.); Boston College Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Litigation Associate, Stinson Leonard Street LLP; Litigation Partner, Best & Flanagan LLP; Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Appointed January 13, 2025.

Nelson L. Peralta (49) University of Michigan (B.A., 1991); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1993); Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project (1994-95); Private Practice (1996-2006); Co-founder, Shareholder of Peralta & Peralta, Ltd. (2006-2015); Solo Practitioner, Peralta Law Firm (2015-17). Appointed October 2, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Jay M. Quam (27) Moorhead State University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1984); University of

Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1988); associate/shareholder, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. (1988–2006). Assistant Presiding Judge, Family Court (2008–09); Presiding Judge, Probate/Mental Health Court (2009–12). Appointed October 2, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Jeannice M. Reding (57) University of Wisconsin Madison (B.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1990); Private Practice (1990–97); Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings (1997–99); Child Support Magistrate, Fourth Judicial District (1999–2004); Referee, Fourth Judicial District (2004–06). Appointed January 20, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Patrick D. Robben (59) Kansas State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1995); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1998); Clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court (1998–99); Private Practice (1999–2009); General Counsel, Office of the Governor (2009–10). Appointed December 30, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Colette Routel (38) Ithaca College, (B.M., *magna cum laude*, 1998); University of Michigan Law School, (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2001), Order of the Coif, Michigan Law Review; Professor of Law and Co-Director of Native American Law & Sovereignty Institute (2021); Of Counsel, Hogen Adams, Professional Limited Liability Company (2013–21); Appellate Judge, White Earth Band of Ojibwe (2014–21); Visiting Professor, University of Michigan Law School (2008–09); Visiting Professor, Wayne State Law School (2007–08); Of Counsel, The Jacobson Law Group (2007–13); Associate, Faegre & Benson (2001–07); Appointed September 13, 2021. Elected 2022.

Christian M. Sande (58) Hamline University (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1996); Attorney, Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. (1996–2005); Attorney, Christian Sande LLC (2006–2016). Appointed July 11, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Paul R. Scoggin (45) Saint John's University (B.S. 1981), University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude* 1984), Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, 1984–2014, International Prosecutor EULEX 2009–2010, Appointed January 2, 2015. Elected 2016, 2022.

Bridget Ann Sullivan (43) University of Notre Dame (B.A. 1985 with honors), Johns Hopkins University (Graduate Fellow, 1989–1992), University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. 1995 with honors), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1989–1992), Law Clerk to U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge Franklin L. Noel (1995–97), Private Practice (1997–2013), Senior Counsel at the Office of Chief Counsel of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (2013–14). Elected 2014, 2020.

Rachna Sullivan (50) Kings County District Attorney's Office; Law Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota; Partner, Rider Bennett, ; Shareholder, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. Appointed November 5, 2019. Elected 2022.

Laura Thomas (51) University of St. Thomas (B.A.); Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Otter Tail County Judge Harlan Nelson and Otter Tail County Judge Thomas Stringer (1996–97); Hanson Marek Bolkcom & Greene, Associate (1997 - 99); Rider Bennett, Associate (1999 – 2001); Solo Practitioner (2002 – 14); University of Minnesota Law School (2007–20). Appointed July 6, 2020. Elected 2022.

Maximilia Utley (21) University of Minnesota (B.A., J.D.) Minnesota Court of Appeals, Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas Kalitowski and the Honorable Heidi Schellhas (2008–09); Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Senior Assistant County Attorney (2009–20). Appointed November 16, 2020. Elected 2022.

Edward T. Wahl (55) Northwestern University (B.A., 1978); University of Virginia (M.A., 1980); University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1983); clerkship (1983–85); private practice (1985–2012). Appointed July 16, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Sarah S. West (35) Connecticut College (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County Public Defender's Office; Partner, Hauble Law; Associate, Fafinski, Mark & Johnson. Appointed September 12, 2018. Elected 2020.

Angela Willms (63) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Hennepin County (2007–2009); Staff Attorney, Hennepin County Juvenile Court (2009–2013); District Court Referee, Hennepin County Juvenile Court (2013–2019). Appointed January 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

Sydney N. Woods (6) Loyola University of Chicago (B.A.); Tulane Law School (J.D.); Minnesota Department of Public Safety, General Counsel; Metropolitan Council, Associate General Counsel/Diversity Consultant; Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, Civil Litigation Meagher & Geer, PLLP, Litigation; Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Criminal; Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Major Felonies; Minnesota Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr., Law Clerk. Appointed January 5, 2023. Elected 2024.

Terri D. Yellowhammer (52) College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1995). White Earth Tribal Court, Judge (2007 – 11); White Earth Tribal Court, Appellate Judge (2012 – 14); Indian Child Welfare Law Center, Staff Attorney (2014 – 17); Hennepin County, American Indian Community Relations Development Manager (2018 – 20). Appointed November 16, 2020. Elected 2022.

FIFTH DISTRICT

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The Fifth Judicial District serves these 15 counties in southwest Minnesota: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, and Watonwan. The Fifth Judicial District has a total of 17 judges serving the 287,000 citizens of the district.

Chief Judge Gregory J. Anderson (1) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1984); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 1987); Assistant City Attorney (1989–94); Assistant Public Defender (1994–2008). Appointed August 1, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Judge Darci J. Bentz (16) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1991); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1994); Assistant Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District (1994–2014); Managing Attorney, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2000–03); Private Practice (2003–06). Appointed September 26, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Mark E. Betters (7) University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point (B.A., 1996); Hamline Law School (J.D., 1997); Instrumental Music Teacher, Independent School District (1996–2002); Manahan, Bluth, & Kohlmeyer Law Firm, Chtd. (2005–08); Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District (2008–09); Betters Weinandt Attorneys at Law (2009–17). Appointed March 16, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Michelle A. Dietrich (6) Central University of Iowa, Pella (B.A., 1991); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1994); Assistant County Attorney (1995–97); Redwood County Attorney (1997–2008). Appointed August 15, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Robert A. Docherty (15) Creighton University: Omaha (B.A., 1983); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); Judicial Clerkship, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1987–89); Staff Attorney, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1989–95); Private Practice (1996–2001); Assistant Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District (2001–11); Managing Attorney, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2011–12). Appointed August 17, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Stephen J. Ferrazzano II (11) College of New Jersey (B.A., 1992); University of North Dakota (J.D. with distinction, 1995); Judicial Law Clerk, Fifth Judicial District (1995–97); Associate Attorney, Nelson & Van Hon (1997–98); Assistant Public Defender, Trial Team, Office of State Public Defender (1998–2018). Appointed January 12, 2018. Elected 2020.

Sherry Haley (4) Minnesota State University, Mankato (B.A., *magna cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.) Clerk, Hennepin County Public Defender's Office; Clerk, Dakota County Attorney's Office; Assistant Jackson County Attorney; Jackson County Attorney. Appointed November 6, 2020. Elected 2022.

Krista J. Jass (14) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1993); Assistant Public Defender, Managing Attorney and Chief Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1994–2010). Appointed December 30, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Kayla M. Johnson (2). Appointed March 17, 2025.

Allison L. Krehbiel (3) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); Private Practice (1992); Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney (1992–95); Acting Deputy Minneapolis City Attorney (1995); Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney (1995–98); Assistant Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District (1999–2002). Appointed March 22, 2002. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Andrea Lieser (18) Gustavus Adolphus College, (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law, (J.D.); Deputy County Attorney, Brown County Attorney's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District Public Defenders Office; Appointed on November 15, 2021. Elected 2024.

Patrick Rohland (12) Minnesota State University - Moorhead (B.A., 1995); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2000); Fabyanske, Westra & Hart, P.A., Associate (2000–04); Assistant County Attorney, Redwood County (2004–08); County Attorney, Redwood County (2008–10); City Attorney, Redwood Falls (2011–13); Appointed September 9, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Troy G. Timmerman (13) University of Northern Iowa (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Private Practice, Wendland Timmerman PA; Assistant Public Defender and Managing Attorney, Fifth Judicial District; Faribault County Attorney. Appointed January 19, 2018. Elected 2020.

Michael D. Trushenski (17) University of Minnesota - Duluth (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota (J.D., 1996); Law Clerk, Honorable Thomas McCarthy, First Judicial District (1996–98); Associate Attorney and Assistant Martin County Attorney, Viesselman & Barke PA/ Martin County Attorney's Office (1998–2015). Appointed January 4, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Kristine Weeks (10) Hamline University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Assistant Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District; Special Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District; Judicial Law Clerk, the Honorable Diane R. Alshouse, Second Judicial District; Appointed on August 5, 2022. Elected 2024.

Todd W. Westphal (8) Minnesota State University Mankato (B.A., 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1987); Private Practice (1989–2005); Assistant Nicollet County Attorney (1989–2005). Appointed November 16, 2005. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Christina M. Wietzema (5) Concordia College: Moorhead (B.A., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1993); Private Practice (1993–97); Assistant Public Defender, Fifth Judicial District (1995–2012). Appointed November 21, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Tricia B. Zimmer (9) University of South Dakote (B.A., M.P.A., J.D.) Judicial Law Clerk, Fifth Judicial District ; Adjunct Professor, Southwest Minnesota State University; Vice President, Human Resources, North Star Mutual Insurance Co.; Attorney/consultant, Petersen Law Office; Assistant Lyon County Attorney. Appointed September 14, 2018. Elected 2020.

SIXTH DISTRICT

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The Sixth Judicial District serves Minnesota's Arrowhead Region in Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis counties. The District Bench includes 16 District Court Judges who are chambered throughout the District. Each county seat in the district has a courthouse; St Louis County has two additional courthouses in Hibbing and Virginia.

Chief Judge Leslie E. Beiers (15) University of North Dakota (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1970; University of North Dakota (J.D., with distinction, 1983); Law Clerk, Magistrate Patrick McNulty, United States District Court (1983–85); Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Northeastern

Minnesota (1985-91); Assistant Carlton County Attorney (1991-95); Special Assistant United States Attorney (2011-14); Assistant St. Louis County Attorney (Juvenile, Criminal and Civil divisions), 1995-2014. Appointed June 27, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Judge Rachel C. Sullivan (1) Boston University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Associate Attorney, Lockridge Gridal Nauen, P.L.L.P.; Associate Attorney, Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren, Ltd.; Attorney, Prebich & Sullivan, P.C. Appointed July 27, 2018. Elected 2020.

Michelle M. Anderson (5) University of North Dakota (B.A.); University of North Dakota (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Sixth Judicial District, Hon. Gary J. Pagliacetti; Associate Attorney, Prebich and Sullivan, P.C.; Assistant County Attorney, St. Louis County Attorney's Office; Range Division Head, St. Louis County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 6, 2017. Elected 2018., 2024

Jill Eichenwald (16) College of St. Scholastica (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Managing Attorney, Sixth Judicial District Public Defender's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Sixth Judicial District; Adjunct instructor, College of St. Scholastica; Solo practitioner, Eichenwald Law Office. Appointed November 13, 2015. Elected 2018, 2024.

Jessica J. Fralich (4) Appointed November 4, 2024.

Robert C. Friday (2) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. *magna cum laude*); Director of Advocacy, Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota; Client Services Manager, United Health Care; Solo Practitioner; Associate Attorney, Lindquist & Vennum. Appointed March 9, 2018. Elected 2020.

Steven B. Hanke (11) La Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (2002); University of North Dakota (B.B.A. *summa cum laude*, B.A. *summa cum laude*, B.A. *summa cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2006); Law Clerk, Associate Attorney, Dunlap and Seegar P.A.; Law Library Attorney, Olmsted County Attorney's Office; Adjunct Professor, University of Wisconsin - Superior; Assistant City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney, Interim City Attorney, City of Duluth Attorney's Office. Appointed December 4, 2023.

Nicole L. Hopps (12) University of Minnesota-Duluth (B.A.); University of North Dakota Law School (J.D.); Ninth District Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Donna K. Dixon; Associate Attorney, Bradshaw & Bryant, PLLC; Sixth District Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable John E. DeSanto; Assistant Public Defender, Sixth District Public Defender's Office; Managing Attorney, Sixth District Public Defender's Office. Appointed September 13, 2023. Elected 2024.

Eric L. Hylden (9) University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.A., B.A.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1987); Attorney, Associate and Shareholder, Private Practice (1992-2007). Appointed March 2, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Amy E. Lukasavitz (3) University of Minnesota-Duluth, (B.F.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law, (J.D.); Assistant County Attorney, St. Louis County Attorney's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Sixth Judicial District; DWI Court Coordinator, South St. Louis County DWI Court; Appointed on October 18, 2021. Elected 2022.

Theresa M. Neo (13) Metropolitan State University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Staff attorney, Safe Haven Shelter for Battered Women; Staff attorney, Indian Legal Assistance Program; Assistant Duluth City Attorney. Appointed June 6, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Bhupesh Pattni (10) University of Wisconsin - Madison, (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law, (J.D.); Attorney, Trentil Law Firm; Attorney, Sixth District Public Defender's Office; Team member, Iron Range Mental Health Treatment Court; Appointed on July 30, 2021. Elected 2022.

Shawn L. Pearson (8) University of Chicago, (B.A.); Georgetown University, (J.D.); Mansfield Tanick & Cohen, PA (2003-07); General Mills, Inc. (2007-12); Barnes & Thornburg, LLP (2012-14); Essentia Health (2015-20); Parent/Child in Need of Protection or Services Attorney (2020-21); Appointed on July 12, 2021. Elected 2022.

Andrew R. Peterson (7) Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., *cum laude*); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*) Attorney, Cope & Peterson Ltd. Appointed November 6, 2019. Elected 2022.

Shawn Reed (6) Elected 2024.

Rebekka Stumme (14) University of Minnesota – Duluth (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Judge Mark Munger; Civil Litigation Attorney, Halverson, Watters, Downs, Reyelts and Bateman, Ltd.; Assistant Public Defender, Sixth Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, St. Louis County Attorney's Office. Appointed May 31, 2019. Elected 2020.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

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The Seventh Judicial District consists of the counties of Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, and Wadena.

Chief Michael D. Fritz (18) St. John's University (B.S., 1988); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., with Distinction, 1993); Part-time Assistant Becker County Attorney, Part-time Private Practice (1993-2002); Full-time Assistant Becker County Attorney (2002-07); Becker County Attorney (2007-14); Appointed February 19, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Assistant Chief Shan C. Wang (29) Chicago State University (B.A., 1999); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2002); Law Clerk, Hon. Regina M. Chu, Hennepin County District Court (2002 – 04); Asst. Stearns County Attorney, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2004 – 07); Asst. Chief – Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2007 – 17). Appointed September 6, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Daniel A. Benson (3) University of Minnesota (B.S.B. 1982); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D. *cum laude*, 1988); Private Practice (1988-90); Assistant Pine County Attorney 1990-1991; Private Practice and Assistant Public Defender (1991-93); Assistant St. Cloud City Attorney 1993-1995; Assistant Stearns County Attorney (1995-2003); Assistant District and State Public Defender and Private Practice (2003-14); MSBA Board Certified Criminal Defense Specialist. Appointed February 19, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Sharon Grewell Benson (17) University of Minnesota - Twin Cities (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1998); Staff Attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance at East Central Legal Services and St. Cloud Area Legal Services; Managing Attorney, Central Minnesota Legal Services; Assistant Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District; Member, Benson Law Office, LLC. Appointed September 6, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

William J. Cashman (20) St. John's University (B.S., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); Private Practice (1987-2010). Appointed June 18, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Timothy M. Churchwell (5) Northern Illinois University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, the Hon. Lawrence T. Collins; Attorney, Brown & Sellnow and Curott & Jesse; Assistant Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District; Shareholder, Peters & Churchwell, P.A. Appointed February 1, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Douglas B. Clark (22) St. John's University (B.A.); Arizona State University (J.D.); Attorney, Community Legal Services (Phoenix, AZ); Attorney and Supervising Attorney, St. Cloud Office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance; Attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance. Appointed April 30, 2018. Elected 2020.

Michelle L. Clark (13) St. Cloud State University (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Thomas M. Stringer; Attorney; Tillitt, McCarten, Johnson & Haseman Ltd.; Assistant Douglas County Attorney. Appointed June 21, 2018. Elected 2020.

Leah J. duCharme (23) Moorhead State University, (B.S., 2005); University of North Dakota

School of Law, (J.D., Order of the Coif, 2007); Senior Shareholder/Attorney, Gjesdahl Law (2007-22); Federal Extern, United States District Court (2006); Appointed June 6, 2022. Elected 2024.

Matthew E. Engelking (8) Evangel University (B.A., 1992, *summa cum laude*); Regent University Law School (J.D., 1995) Attorney/Clerk, Kosieradzki & Associates (1996-1997); Adjunct Instructor, American Political Systems / Communications Law, North Central University (1998-2004); Attorney, Meshbesh Law Office, Criminal Defense (1997-2000); Attorney, Engelking Law Office, Criminal Defense / General Practice (2000-04); Assistant County Attorney, Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2004-06); Chief – Juvenile Division, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2006-18); Senior Attorney, Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2018-19). Appointed July 22, 2019. Elected 2020.

Mark J. Herzing (26) University of St. Thomas (B.A.); St. Cloud State University (B.S.); University of St. Thomas (J.D.); Teacher and Coach, Milaca School District, Cambridge-Isanti School District; Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney. Appointed February 1, 2019. Elected 2020.

Johnathan Judd (19) North Dakota State University, (Political science and history degrees); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D.), Mayor of Moorhead; Part-time Contract, Minnesota Board of Public Defense; Prosecutor, Clay County Attorney's office; Private practice; Assistant Public Defender, Minnesota Board of Public Defense; Director of Multicultural Affairs, Concordia College; Minnesota Department of Commerce; Law clerk, Judge Gerald J. Seibel, Morris, MN; Appointed on March 1, 2021. Elected 2022.

Gail T. Kulick (6) St. Cloud State University (B.A., *summa cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives, District 16A; Commissioner of Corporate Affairs, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Attorney and Policy Advocate, Winthrop & Weinstine; Attorney, Kulick Consulting, P.A. Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Michelle Winkis Lawson (9) Minnesota State University Moorhead (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1996); Private Practice, Gunhus Law Firm (1996–99); Assistant Attorney, Clay County (1999–2005) Private Practice, Vogel Law Firm (2005), Chief Assistant Attorney, Clay County (2005–12). Appointed November 14, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Michael D. Leeser (2) Utah Valley University (B.S.); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards; Associate Attorney, Lies, Bullis & Hatting Law Firm; Assistant County Attorney, Clay County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 3, 2024.

Mary B. Mahler (7) University of Nevada (B.A., with distinction, 1991); Southwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1994); Private Practice (1995–2010). Appointed June 28, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Tammy L. Merkins (27) Concordia College (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Attorney, Westrick & McDowell-Nix; Partner; Thorwaldsen, Malmstrom, Sorum, Majors & Merkins; Assistant Becker County Attorney; Becker County Attorney. Appointed June 1, 2018. Elected 2020.

Kevin M. Miller (12) Concordia College (B.A.); DePaul University (J.D.); Associate attorney, Zenas Baer and Associates; Financial advisor, Foster Klima; Attorney, Miller Law Office; Assistant Becker County Attorney. Appointed May 7, 2018. Elected 2020.

Laura Moehrle (4) University of St. Thomas (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Civil Trial Attorney, Shareholder, and Chief Financial Officer; Quinlivan & Hughes, PA. Appointed June 8, 2020. Elected 2022.

Andrew Pearson (11) St. John's University (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1998); Assistant Stearns County Public Defender (1999-2007); Private Practice (2007-13). Appointed November 1, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Matthew M. Quinn (10) St. Cloud State University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1995); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. with honors, 1999); Associate attorney; Barna, Guzy & Steffen

(1999–2000); First Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney (2000–2003); Adjunct Professor, Aviation Law, St. Cloud State University (2008–12); Chief Deputy Stearns County Attorney (2003–17). Appointed September 14, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Robert J. Raupp (21) University Wisconsin: Oshkosh (B.S., *cum laude*, 1986); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1989); Assistant Attorney, City of Minneapolis (1989–90); Assistant Attorney, First Assistant Attorney, Attorney, Benton County (1990–98; 1998–2000; 2000–13). Appointed June 3, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Jade M. Rosenfeldt (30) Concordia College (B.A., 2005, *cum laude*); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., Order of the Coif, 2008). Law Clerk, Clay County Attorney's Office (2006–2008); Shareholder Attorney, Vogel Law Firm (2008–2019). Appointed November 1, 2019. Elected 2020.

Karl Schmidt (24) University of Minnesota (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, The Honorable Bruce W. Christopherson, Eighth Judicial District; Assistant Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District; Senior Assistant Benton County Attorney. Appointed July 29, 2024.

Heidi E. Schultz (1) Valparaiso University (B.A. and J.D.); Partner, Swenson Lervick Syverson Trosvig Jacobson Schultz Cass; Law clerk, Honorable Mark A. Munger, Sixth Judicial District; Appointed on May 16, 2022. Elected 2024.

Gretchen D. Thilmony (16) University of North Dakota (B.A., *cum laude*); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., with distinction); Associate Attorney, Sinclair, Evans, Hunt, Heisler, & Fritz, P.A. (1998–2002); Becker County Attorney, Becker County Attorney's Office (1998–2016). Appointed July 18, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Ole Tvedten (15) University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Assistant Stearns County Attorney, Criminal Division Chief, Stearns County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 9, 2024.

Leonard A. Weiler (14) Moorhead State University (B.A., 1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); Assistant District Public Defender, Head Law Clerk, Investigator, Ramsey County Public Defender's Office; Managing Attorney, 25 Assistant District Public Defender in Stearns, Morrison, Benton, Mille Lacs and Douglas Counties; Managing Attorney, Seventh Judicial District Public Defender's Office. Appointed October 1, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Nathaniel Welte (25) University of Minnesota – Duluth (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Part-time Assistant Public Defender, State of Minnesota; Private Practice; Assistant County Attorney, Becker County Attorney's Office. Appointed May 11, 2020. Elected 2022.

Antoinette C. Wetzel (28) St. Cloud State University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Correctional Officer, Morrison County; Guardian ad Litem and Custody Evaluator, Crow Wing County; Qualified neutral mediator and City Attorney, Royalton and Little Falls; Attorney, Wetzel Law Firm L.F., P.A. Appointed July 23, 2018. Elected 2020.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

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The Eighth Judicial District consists of the counties of Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Wilkin, and Yellow Medicine.

Chief Judge Stephanie L. Beckman (2) Hamline University (B.A., 1999); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2003); Assistant Attorney, Stearns County (2004–05); Assistant Attorney, Meeker County (2005–06); Attorney, Meeker County (2006–12). Appointed December 12, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Assistant Chief Judge Rodney C. Hanson (9) Concordia College (B.A., 1982); William

Mitchell College of Law (J.D. 1985); Private Practice (1985-2013). Appointed November 6, 2013. Elected 2016.

Amy J. Doll (6) University of Minnesota - Morris (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1993); Associate Attorney, Fluegel, Anderson, McLaughlin & Brutlag, Chartered (1994-2016). Appointed June 13, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Jennifer K. Fischer (1) St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1993); Law Clerk, Eighth Judicial District (1993-95); Assistant Attorney, Kandiyohi County (1995-99); Assistant Public Defender, Eighth Judicial District (1999-2003); Private Practice, Jones & Fischer, P.A. (2003-10); Kandiyohi County Attorney (2011-13); Director, Rice Memorial Hospital (2010-13). Appointed October 2, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Keith Helgeson (3) Yellow Medicine County Attorney; Assistant Yellow Medicine County Attorney; Law clerk, Judge Bruce Christopherson; Adjunct Professor, Southwest Minnesota State University; Appointed on October 11, 2021. Elected 2022.

Melissa Listug (4) University of Minnesota (B.A., J.D.); Federal Judicial Extern, Magistrate Judge Jonathan Lebedoff; Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, University of Minnesota; Summer Associate; Rider, Bennett, Eagan & Arundel; Attorney; Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton, L.L.P.; Attorney; Littler Mendelson, P.C. Appointed November 7, 2018. Elected 2020.

Benjamin Pieh (10) Luther College (B.S.); Rutgers Law School - Newark (J.D.); Law Clerk to Honorable Thomas Van Hon, Eighth Judicial District; Law Clerk to Honorable Dwayne Knutsen, Eighth Judicial District; Law Clerk to Honorable Paul Nelson, Eighth Judicial District; Assistant Public Defender, Eighth Judicial District. Appointed January 3, 2025.

Laurence J. Stratton (7) Augsburg (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Intern, St. Louis County Attorney's Office; Associate attorney, Muske, Muske & Suhrhoff, Ltd.; Assistant Renville County Attorney. Appointed January 28, 2019. Elected 2020.

Stephen J. Wentzell (8) Concordia College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Clerk, Hon. David L. Mennis; Assistant Kandiyohi County Attorney, First Assistant Kandiyohi County Attorney. Appointed October 16, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Allison T. Whalen (11) University of Minnesota (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2008); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2024); Law Clerk, Honorable Michael R. Savre, Minnesota First Judicial District; Law Clerk, Honorable Matthew E. Johnson, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Assistant Swift County Attorney; Assistant Stevens County Attorney; Interim Stevens County Attorney. Appointed February 26, 2024.

Benjamin R. Wilcox (5) University of Minnesota, Morris (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Wilcox Law Office, P.A. Appointed on November 9, 2022. Elected 2024.

NINTH DISTRICT

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The Ninth Judicial District consists of the seventeen counties of northwest Minnesota, including Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau.

Chief Judge Jana M. Austad (19) Augsburg College (B.A., 1987); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); Attorney, Kief, Fuller, Baer and Wallner, Ltd. (1990-97); Managing Attorney, Brainerd Regional Office of the Minnesota Public Defender (1997-98); (2005-13). Appointed June 14, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Assistant Chief Judge Anne M. Rasmusson (11) St. Catherine University (B.A., 1996);

Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (M.A., 1999); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 1999); Law Clerk, Associate Attorney, Rust, Stock, Rasmusson, & Knutson, P.A. (1999–2003); Partner, Rust, Stock, Rasmusson, & Knutson, P.A. (2003–13). Appointed June 14, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Patricia Alander Aanes (21) University of Minnesota, Morris (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, the Honorable Michael Seibel and the Honorable Donald E. Rysavy, Third Judicial District; Associate, Erickson & Pearson Law Offices; Partner, Erickson, Pearson & Aanes Law Offices; Partner, Erickson & Aanes Law Offices; Solo Practitioner, Patricia A. Aanes Attorney at Law, P.L.L.C. Appointed February 8, 2019. Elected 2020.

Matti Adam (1) Bemidji State University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, the Honorable Fred Karasov and the Honorable Peter Cahill, Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney, Itasca County Attorney's Office; Appointed May 8, 2024.

Jeanine R. Brand (16) College of St. Benedict/Saint John's University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, Moriarty Law Office/Public Defender, New Ulm; Law Clerk, Manahan, Bluth & Barker; Law Clerk, Gislason, Dosland, Hunter & Malecki; Law Clerk, District of Minnesota U.S. Attorney's Office; Eighth District Judicial Clerk to Hon. Peter Hoff, Hon. Jon Stafsholt, Hon. Bruce Reuther, Hon. Gerald Seibel; Assistant Clearwater County Attorney; Assistant Bemidji City Attorney; Clearwater County Attorney; Assistant Clay County Attorney; Assistant Cass County Attorney. Appointed July 31, 2020. Elected 2022.

Heidi M. Chandler (9) College of St. Benedict (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable John R. Hawkinson, Ninth Judicial District; Associate Attorney, Udem Law Office; Assistant Itasca County Attorney. Appointed June 17, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Annie P. Claesson-Huseby (24) University of North Dakota (B.A.); University of North Dakota (J.D.); University of North Dakota (M.P.A.); Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota (2001–14); Assistant Beltrami County Attorney (2004–06); Chief Assistant Beltrami County Attorney (2006–14); Beltrami County Attorney (2014–17). Appointed October 4, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Kristine R. DeMay (23) Illinois State University (B.S., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); Clerk, Seventh Judicial District; (1995–96); Assistant City Attorney, Brainerd (1996–97); Private Practice (1996–97); Assistant Crow Wing County Attorney (1997–2007). Appointed January 2, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Donna K. Dixon (20) Washburn University (B.A., 1981; J.D., 1984); Assistant Municipal Counsel and Prosecutor, Olathe, Kansas (1987–94); Assistant Public Defender, Ninth Judicial District (1997–2001); Private Practice (1994–2001). Appointed November 9, 2001. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Seamus P. Duffy (22) University of North Dakota College of Business (B.A. 1999); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D. 2003); Duffy Law Office; Assistant Public Defender; Pennington County Attorney. Appointed May 31, 2024.

Charles D. Halverson (4) University of North Dakota (B.A., B.S.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Clinton W. Wyant, Ninth Judicial District; Private Practice, Bordon, Steinbauer & Kruger, Halverson Law Office; Assistant and Managing Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Ninth Judicial District. Appointed January 25, 2019. Elected 2020.

Corey A. Harbott (17) University of North Dakota (B.A., 1995; J.D., 1998). Ninth Judicial District Law Clerk for The Honorable Richard Taylor (1999–2002); Minnesota State Public Defender (2002–20). Appointed March 27, 2020. Elected 2022.

David F. Hermerding (3) St. John's University (B.S., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1993); Associate, Erickson Law Offices (1993–1994); Associate, Ryan Ruttger

and Drake (1994-1995); Partner, Mitchell and Hermerding (1995-1998); Assistant and Managing Attorney, Office of the Public Defender (1998-2007); Assistant and Chief Deputy, Crow Wing County Attorney (2007-17). Appointed February 24, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Kathryn Lorsbach (14) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, the Honorable Jonathan Jasper, Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District; Assistant public Defender, Ninth District Public Defender's Office; County Attorney, Clearwater County Attorney's Office. Appointed January 10, 2025.

Matthew Mallie (2) Loras College (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline College of Law (J.D.) Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable L.W. Yost, First Judicial District; Civil City Attorney, City of Garrison; Conflict Attorney, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; City Prosecutor, multiple cities in Crow Wing County; Solo Practitioner, Mallie Law Offices, P.A. Appointed July 12, 2019. Elected 2020.

Sarah L. McBroom (12) St. Olaf College (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Paul H. Anderson, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court; Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Service of Northeast Minnesota. Appointed November 16, 2018. Elected 2020.

John G. Melbye (7) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1992); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); Clerk, Ninth Judicial District (1995-96; 2002-06). Elected 2006, 2012, 2018, 2024.

Jeffrey S. Remick (18) Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1989); Private Practice (1989-2006). Appointed April 28, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Eric P. Schieferdecker (8) Minot State University (B.A., 1988); University of North Dakota (J.D., 1994); Private Practice (1995-1997); Chief Assistant and Assistant Beltrami County Attorney (1997-2005); Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Trial Division (2005-2014). Appointed May 30, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Jerrold Shermoen (6) Rainy River Community College (A.A.); University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business (B.S.); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., with distinction). Partner, Shermoen, LeDuc & Jaks, PLLP; Managing partner, Shermoen & Jaks, PLLP; Attorney and president, ShermoenJaks Law, PLLC. Appointed December 30, 2020. Elected 2022.

Christopher J. Strandlie (10) University of Minnesota - Duluth (B.A.); University of North Dakota (J.D.); Alternative Public Defender, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Partner, Kimball and Strandlie Law Office; Assistant Ninth Judicial District Public Defender; Assistant Cass County Attorney; Cass County Attorney. Appointed October 6, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Kimberly A. Wimmer (5) Gustavus Adolphus College (*summa cum laude*, 1999); University of Minnesota Law School (*cum laude*, 2002); Associate Attorney, Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick; Assistant Public Defender, State of Minnesota; Solo Practitioner, Wimmer Law Office, PA; Executive Vice President/General Counsel, TruStar Federal Credit Union. Appointed on January 21, 2025.

Tamara L. Yon (15) Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1991); University of North Dakota Law School (J.D., 1994); Private Practice (1994-2006). Appointed April 7, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

TENTH DISTRICT

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The Tenth Judicial District consists of the counties of Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright. Forty-five judges serve the district, which is the second largest of Minnesota's ten judicial districts.

Chief Judge Elizabeth H. Strand (32) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1998); Private Practice (2002–12); Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2004–08); Prosecuting Attorney, Cities of Annandale and Buffalo, MN (2009–12). Appointed September 10, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Assistant Chief Judge Sean C. Gibbs (25) Andover. Mercyhurst College (B.A., 1989); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1992); Private Practice (1992–93); Assistant Coon Rapids City Attorney (1994–95); Assistant Anoka County Attorney, Criminal Division (1995–2005). Appointed April 6, 2005. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018, 2024.

Suzanne Bollman (13) St. Olaf College (B.A. 1982); Hamline University School of Law (J.D. 1986); Assistant Benton County Attorney (1988–1998); Assistant St. Cloud City Attorney (1998–1999); Assistant Stearns County Attorney (1999–2003); Assistant Sherburne County Attorney (2003–2013). Appointed January 6, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

John A. Bowen (21) St. Olaf College (B.A., *magna cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*); Law Clerk, Honorable Margaret Shaw Johnson, Winona County, Third Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Pine County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Assistant Civil Division Chief, Wright County Attorney's Office. Appointed April 21, 2023. Elected 2024.

Amy R. Brosnahan (2) William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1999); San Francisco State University (CA Teaching Credential); University of California, Davis (B.A. 1983); Kanabec County Attorney (2007–13); Assistant Kanabec County Attorney (2003–06); Associate, Leonard Street and Deinard (1999–2002); Teacher (1985–96). Appointed January 3, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.

Helen R. Brosnahan (3) Smith College (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Assistant Dakota County Attorney, Civil Division; Assistant Dakota County Attorney, Criminal Division; Attorney, LeVander, Gillen & Miller, P.A.; Assistant Olmsted County Attorney; Law clerk, Honorable Robert F. Carolan; Appointed on February 14, 2022. Elected 2024.

Suzanne M. Brown (4) University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1993); Hamline School of Law (J.D., 1997). Colich & Associates (1995–2004); Federal Public Defender Conflicts Panel, District of Minnesota (2003–04); Scott County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney, (2005–18), Senior Attorney - Criminal Division Head (2018–19). Appointed August 19, 2019. Elected 2020.

Brianna J. Buccione (34) University of Minnesota (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Diane R. Alshouse, Second Judicial District; Assistant Ramsey County Public Defender; National Product Specialist, National Account Representative, Inside Account Manager; Thomson Reuters; Special Assistant County Attorney, Anoka County Attorney's Office; Assistant Anoka County Attorney. Appointed July 10, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Justin M. Collins (14) Hamline University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*); Law Clerk, Anoka County Attorney's Office; Judicial Law Clerk, the Honorable Dale E. Mossey, Wright County Courthouse; Judicial Law Clerk, the Honorable Lawrence R. Johnson, Anoka County Courthouse; Assistant County Attorney, Anoka County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Washington County Attorney's Office; Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial Public Defender's Office, Anoka. Appointed September 23, 2024.

Michele A. Davis (18) University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1993); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1998); Assistant St. Paul City Attorney (1998–2000); Assistant Anoka County Attorney (2000–08). Appointed November 20, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

John P. Dehen (27) Augustana College (B.A., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987). Private Practice (1988–2010). Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Bridgid E. Dowdal (36) Boston University (B.A.); University of Aberdeen, Scotland (LL.M.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Justice Sandra Gardebring; Trial Attorney, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice; Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota; Dowdal & Dowdal, LLC; Assistant Dean, William Mitchell College of Law; Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Inspector General, Minnesota

Department of Human Services. Appointed April 20, 2016. Elected 2018, 2024.

Patrick W. Flanagan (17) University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse (B.A., 1990); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D., 1993); Heuer & Vandelist, Associate (1993-95); Custard Insurance Adjusters, Branch Manager (1995-96); Flanagan Law Office, Attorney (1996-2001); Mower County Attorney's Office, Assistant (2001-02); Mower County Attorney's Office, County Attorney (2003-06); Flanagan Law Office and State Public Defender's Office, Attorney and Part-Time Public Defender (2006-18). Appointed February 21, 2018. Elected 2020.

Juanita C. Freeman (1) Hamline University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Assistant County Attorney, Senior Assistant County Attorney - Adult Prosecution Division, Child Protection Division, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Appointed November 13, 2018. Elected 2020.

Gregory G. Galler (38) Western Illinois University (B.A., 1983; M.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1987); Private Practice (1988-2001). Appointed January 4, 2001. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Francis Green III (41) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (B.A., 1997) Political Science; Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota (M.A., 2000); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. 2000); Conciliation Court Referee, Second Judicial District (2019-21); National Realty Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture (2010-21); Private Practice (2006-10); Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (2001-06); Police officer, Lafayette Louisiana (1994-97); Appointed on April 5, 2021. Elected 2022.

Sheridan K. Hawley (9) North Central University (B.A., 1988); University of California Hastings College of Law (J.D., 1992); Assistant Attorney, Kanabec County Attorney's Office (1995-97); Associate, Meshbeshier & Associates (1997-98); Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1998-2002); Associate, Walling, Berg & Debele (2003-07); Sole Practitioner, Hawley Law & Mediation (1998-2003, 2007-12). Appointed May 24, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Stoney L. Hiljus (6) Minnesota State University: Mankato (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1992); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); Law Clerk, Honorable James R. Clifford (1995); Legal Services Director, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (1995-97); Chief Deputy, Isanti County Attorney's Office (1997-2003); City Administrator, City of Cambridge (2003-07); City Attorney, City of Coon Rapids (2007-12). Appointed April 9, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Jenny Walker Jasper (30) University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse (1984); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1987); Assistant Public Defender, Private Practice (1987-94); Chief Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District (1992-99); Private Practice (1999-2001). Appointed November 7, 2001. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Walter M. Kaminsky (39) University of Illinois, Chicago (B.A. 1980); Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D. 1983); Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney (1984-88); Sherburne and Anoka County Public Defender (1990-95); Terpstra, Black, Brandell, Kaminsky, & Hoffman (1989-95); Sherburne County Attorney (1996-2002); Lindell and Lavoie (2003-13). Appointed September 23, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

John D. Klossner (10) University of Wisconsin, Platteville (B.S.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Managing Attorney and Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office; First Assistant Chief Public Defender, Seventh and Eighth Judicial District Public Defender's Office. Appointed July 27, 2017. Elected 2018, 2024.

Thomas R. Lehmann (15) Concordia College (B.A., *cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable J.B. Gunderson; Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Thomas J. Kalitowski; Associate Attorney, O'Neil, Burke, O'Neil, Leonard & O'Brien; Associate Attorney, LeVander, Gillen & Miller; Owner and Partner Attorney, Lehmann & Lutter; Shareholder, Eckberg Lammers P.C. Appointed July 2, 2018. Elected 2020.

Tricia Loehr (19) College of St. Benedict (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk, the Honorable Edward Lynch, Minnesota's First Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Washington County Attorney's Office. Appointed January 13, 2025.

Krista K. Martin (29) University of Minnesota (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1987; J.D., *cum laude*, 1990); Private Practice (1990–91); Managing and Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Service Northeastern Minnesota (1991–95); Private Practice (1995–97); Assistant Public Defender Part-time, Tenth Judicial District (1997–2001). Appointed November 16, 2001. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016, 2022.

Karin L. McCarthy (24) College of St. Catherine (B.A. with honors); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law; Associate Attorney, Caswell and Associates; Attorney, Family Violence Network; Staff attorney, Tubman; Assistant County Attorney, Washington County Attorney's Office. Appointed February 5, 2018. Elected 2020.

Catherine McPherson (23) University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota (M.S.W., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); Assistant Attorney, Hennepin County (1990–99); Assistant County Attorney and Head of Operations, Anoka County Attorney's Office (1999–2011); Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law (2007–09); Appointed November 9, 2011. Elected 2014, 2020.

Douglas B. Meslow (5) St. Olaf College (B.A., 1981); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 1984); Private Practice (1984–2006); Minnesota House of Representatives (2002–06). Appointed December 13, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Siv Mjanger (31) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Criminal Division Chief, Washington County Attorney's Office; Assistant Washington County Attorney; Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender; Appointed on November 15, 2021. Elected 2024.

Kevin J. Mueller (44) Miami University of Ohio, (B.S., *magna cum laude*); Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*); Criminal Division Chief, Washington County Attorney's Office; Assistant Criminal Division Chief, Washington County Attorney's Office; Assistant Washington County Attorney; Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County State's Attorney's Office; Associate Butler Rubin Saltarelli & Boyd LLP; Law Clerk to the Honorable Mark Rindner, Alaska Superior Court, Third Judicial District at Anchorage; Appointed on May 16, 2022. Elected 2024.

Jennifer D. Peterson (45) University of Wisconsin-River Falls (B.S., 1994); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2001); Assistant County Attorney, Isanti County; Associate Attorney, White & Associates; Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility; Court-Appointed Counsel on Civil Commitments, Anoka County; Public Defender, Tenth District. Appointed October 14, 2024.

Laura A. Pietan (8) University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); Seattle University School of Law (J.D.); Program Manager, Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Employment for Women; Senior Assistant St. Paul City Attorney; Deputy City Attorney, City of St. Paul. Appointed February 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

Heather Pipenhagen (43) University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Law Clerk, the Honorable Herbert P. Lefler, Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Washington County Attorney's Office; Assistant County Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office. Appointed November 6, 2024.

Melissa Saterbak (22) University of Minnesota -Duluth (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.) Law Clerk, Tenth Judicial District Court Judge; Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; Ramsey County Attorney's Office Appellate Division; Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney; Assistant Anoka County Attorney. Appointed September 30, 2019. Elected 2020.

Todd R. Schoffelman (16) University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A., 1991); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); Second Judicial District Law Clerk (1993– 97); Assistant Pine County Attorney (1997–2000); Reference Attorney, West Publishing (2000); Assistant Bloomington City Attorney (2000–02); Assistant Attorney, Sherburne County (2002-09). Appointed November 13, 2009. Elected 2012, 2018, 2024.

Karen B. Schommer (28) Virginia Tech (B.S.); University of Richmond (J.D.); Associate, Robinson & McElwee P.L.L.C.; Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, Southern District of West Virginia; Deputy Criminal Chief, Major Crimes and Priority Prosecutions Section, U.S.

Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota. Appointed November 26, 2018. Elected 2020.

Jesse L. Seabrooks II (11) Ohio University (B.A. 2009); Capital University Law School (J.D. 2012); The Judge Advocate General Legal Center and School (J.A. Cert 2015); Washington County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney (2018-21); Army National Guard, Judge Advocate (2014 - present); Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, (2012-18); Franklin County Public Defender's Office, Felony Clerk, 2010-2012; Appointed on August 6, 2021. Elected 2022.

Jennifer L. Stanfield (26) Hamline University (B.A. 1998); Hamline University School of Law (J.D. 2001); Magistrate, State of Minnesota, (2018-21); Carver County Attorney's Office, (2004-18); Minnesota State Court Administration, Children's Justice Initiative, (2002-04); Ramsey County Attorney's Office, (1999-2002); Appointed on November 16, 2021. Elected 2024.

Kristi Stanislawski (33) Winona State University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Jovanovich, Dege & Athmann, PA, Attorney; Licensing Boards of the MN Supreme Court, Staff Attorney; Rajkowski Hansmeier, PA, Attorney; Judicial law clerk, Honorable Jay Mondry, Ninth Judicial District. Appointed February 6, 2023. Elected 2024

Jason R. Steffen (35) Georgetown University (B.A.); University of Minnesota - Twin Cities (M.A., PhD); Harvard Law School (J.D.); Deputy Public Defender, Mohave County Public Defender; Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District; Assistant County Attorney, Chisago County Attorney. Appointed May 2, 2023. Elected 2024.

Dyanna L. Street (12) St. Cloud State University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1994); Law Clerk, Honorable Ellen Maas, Anoka County District Court; private practice. Appointed January 7, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018., 2024

Geoffrey W. Tenney (42) St. John's University (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1996); Tribal Prosecutor (1996-98); Part-time Assistant Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District (1999-2004); Private Practice (1998-2008); Prosecutor, City of Buffalo (2005-08). Appointed December 31, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016, 2022.

Catherine Trevino (40) Indiana University (B.A., 1985); Valparaiso University (J.D., 1988). Felony Trial Supervisor, Lake County, Indiana Prosecutor's Office; Assistant Public Defender; Lake County, Indiana; Assistant Public Defender /Counsel for Mental Health Commitment and Paternity/Contempt, Sherburne County; Private Practice; Assistant Public Defender, Anoka County (2014 to 2019). Appointed June 1, 2020. Elected 2022.

Kari Willis (20) University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A.); Hamline School of Law (J.D.); Assistant County Attorney, Wright County Attorney's Office; Law clerk, Honorable Kim Johnson, Wright County, Tenth Judicial District. Appointed on January 31, 2022. Elected 2024

Viet-Hanh Winchell (7) University of Minnesota (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Shareholder, Galowitz Olson, PLLC; Neutral, alternative dispute resolution; Court-appointed counsel, parents in child protection cases; Solo practitioner, United Rivers Law Firm PLLC. Appointed May 13, 2024.

Heather M. Wynn (37) Bethel College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Associate Attorney, Bjerke Law Offices; Solo Practitioner; Assistant Kanabec County Attorney. Appointed October 17, 2016. Elected 2018 , 2024.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Saint Paul Office: 600 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: (651) 361-7900

Website: mn.gov/oah/

Duluth Office: 11 East Superior St., Suite 180, Duluth, MN 55802

Phone: (218) 302-6360

Law provides: The office holds fair, timely, and impartial administrative hearings and dispute resolution services. The office hears matters involving challenges to state and local government action, review of regulatory rules proposed by state agencies, changes to the boundaries of Minnesota cities and towns, and disputed claims for workers' compensation benefits. The office is responsible for issuing reports and orders, and preparing the record of the proceedings (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 14, 176)

Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judges

Chief Judge Jenny L. Starr University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (B.A., *summa cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2003-05); Attorney, Legal Assistance of Dakota County (2005-07); Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law (2007-14); Attorney, Senior Manager for Tax Policy, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2007-19). Appointed September 3, 2019.

Deputy Chief Judge Adam S. Wolkoff Boston University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk to Hon. Martin Mansur, 1st Judicial District (1990-91); Associate Attorney, Gilmore, Aafedt, Forde, Anderson & Gray, P.A. (1991-98); Staff Attorney, Travelers Insurance Co. (1998-2002); Managing Attorney, The Hartford (2002-08). Appointed 2008.

Assistant Chief Judge Kristien R. E. Butler Saint John's University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Legal Aide, C.F. Butler & Associates; Certified Student Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office - Criminal Division; Office of Equity & Diversity Associate, Minneapolis Public Schools; Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Hennepin County Public Defender; Deputy Director of Human Rights & Labor Standards, Saint Paul Department of Human Rights & Equal Opportunity; Director, Saint Paul Department of Human Rights & Equal Economic Opportunity. Appointed 2022.

Steven M. Bialick University of Minnesota (B.A., *summa cum laude*); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Halpern & Cohen, P.A., Earl H. Cohen and Associates, then Cohen and Bialick, P.A., Private Practice (1980-84); Law Office of Steve M. Bialick, Private Practice (1984-present); Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School (2024-present) Appointed 2014.

Barbara J. Case University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Director of Compliance, Minnesota Department of Education; Minnesota Disability Law Center; Mid-Minnesota Legal Services. Appointed September 2013.

Eric L. Lipman Union College (B.A.); George Washington University National Law Center (J.D.); Law Clerk to the Honorable Christine Odell Cook Miller, United States Claims Court (1989-90); Private Practice (1990-95); Legislative Assistant, Research Consultant, Minnesota House of Representatives (1996-98); Deputy Secretary of State, Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (1999-00); Private Practice (2000-04); State Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives (2001-04); Acting General Counsel to the Governor, State Sex Offender Policy Coordinator, Office of Governor Pawlenty (2005-06); Administrative Law Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2006-21); Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2021-22). Appointed 2006.

Megan J. McKenzie University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.); Associate Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Associate Attorney, Hall Law P.A.; Associate Attorney, Robins Kaplan LLP; Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Appointed 2023.

Joseph C. Meyer University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management (M.B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Research Assistant, Institute on Race and Poverty; Law Clerk - Juvenile Prosecution Division, Special Litigation

Division, Hennepin County Attorney's Office; Law Clerk to the Honorable Donna K. Dixon, Minnesota's Ninth Judicial District; Judge Advocate, United States Army Reserve; Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Assistant Attorney General, Manager of Residential Utilities Division, Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Appointed 2023.

Kimberly Middendorf North Dakota State University (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*); Summer Law Clerk, Schwabel Goetz and Sieben; Judicial Law Clerk, Minnesota Tenth Judicial District; Agricultural Chemical Inspection and Enforcement Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Department Counsel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Appointed 2018.

James R. Mortenson University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Private Practice (1995-99); Due Process Specialist/Hearing Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Education (1999-2008); Administrative Law Judge, Washington D.C. Office of State Superintendent of Education (2008-13). Appointed 2014.

Christa Moseng Grinnell College (B.A.); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D.); Appellate Law Clerk to the Hon. Kevin G. Ross, Minnesota Court of Appeals; Judicial Clerk to the Hon. Charles A. Porter, Minnesota Fourth Judicial District Court; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission; Supervising Attorney, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Appointed 2021.

Ann C. O'Reilly University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Attorney, Shareholder, LeVander, Gillen & Miller PA (1997-2012); Volunteer Adjunct Judicial Officer, Hennepin County District Court – Probate & Mental Health Division (2011-12). Appointed 2012.

Jessica A. Palmer-Denig University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Law Clerk to the Honorable Mary Muehlen Maring, North Dakota Supreme Court (1999-00); Associate, Dorsey and Whitney LLP (2000-03); Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Office of the Attorney General (2003-08); Law Clerk to the Honorable Donovan W. Frank, U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota (2008-09); Trial Attorney, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (2009-16). Appointed 2016.

Suzanne Todnem Wartburg College (B.A.); International Christian University (Japan); University of St. Thomas School of Law (J.D.); First Judicial District; Minnesota Department of Human Services; Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. Appointed 2022.

Office of Administrative Hearings Workers' Compensation Judges

Chief Judge Jenny L. Starr University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (B.A., *summa cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2003-05); Attorney, Legal Assistance of Dakota County (2005-07); Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law (2007-14); Attorney, Senior Manager for Tax Policy, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2007-19). Appointed September 3, 2019.

Deputy Chief Judge Adam S. Wolkoff Boston University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Associate Attorney, Gilmore, Aafedt, Forde, Anderson & Gray, P.A. (1991-1998); Staff Attorney, Travelers Insurance Co. (1998-2002); Managing Attorney, The Hartford (2002-08). Appointed 2008.

Assistant Chief Judge N. Amee Pham Armstrong State University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Staff Attorney, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings; Associate Attorney, Fields Law Firm; Associate Attorney, Heacox, Hartman, Cosgriff, Johnson, Lane & Feenstra, P.A. Appointed 2021.

Assistant Chief Judge Veronica Walther Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Lead Union Representative, SEIU Local 261 Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Walther Gross Law; Chestnut Cambronne. Appointed 2023.

David M. Bateson University of St. Thomas (B.A., Master's Certificate in Business Communications); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law; Litigation Attorney, Rider Bennett, LLP; Director of Mentor Externship, University of St. Thomas School of Law; Attorney, Lind, Jensen, Sullivan and Peterson, P.A.; Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, University of St. Thomas School of Law; Mediator/Arbitrator, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. Appointed 2021.

Stacy P. Bouman Luther College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*); Private Practice (1996-2013). Appointed 2013.

Nicholas Chang University of St. Thomas (B.A.); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.); University of Wisconsin Consumer Law Clinic; Peggy Browning Fellow – Centro de Trabajarados Unidos en La Lucha, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters; Cummins & Cummins LLP; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings. Appointed 2020.

Jacob R. Colling University of Nebraska - Lincoln (B.A.); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.); Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General's Office; Attorney, Schaefer Hallen, LLC; Shareholder, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager. Appointed 2023.

Stephen R. Daly Macalester College; University of Minnesota Law School; Kampmeyer, Kronschnabel, Bader & Daly (1984-2009); Kueppers, Kronschnabel & Daly (2009-15). Appointed 2015.

Sandra J. Grove Carleton College (B.A. *magna cum laude*); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. *cum laude*); Clerk, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; Clerk, Third Judicial District Court of Minnesota; Associate, Miller & Neary; Associate Attorney, Mahoney, Dougherty & Mahoney; Partner, Castor, Klukas, Logren & Grove; Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law; Private Practice, Grove Law Office; Senior Litigation Attorney, Joseph M. Goldberg & Associates; Associate Attorney, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager; Lead Attorney, Law Offices Stilp & Grove. Appointed 2013.

Kenneth Kimber Colgate University (B.A.); Washington University School of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Rider Bennett, LLP; Attorney, Hanft Fride, PA; Adjunct Legal Writing Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Mediator/Arbitrator, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. Appointed 2022.

James K. Kohl Minnesota State University - Mankato (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Legal Assistant / Insurance Claims Examiner (1986-90); Private Practice (1993-2012). Appointed 2012.

Radd Kulseth North Dakota State University (B.A., 1999); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2004); Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager, P.A. Assistant Chief Worker's Compensation Judge (2021-23). Appointed 2018.

Kristina Lund Occidental College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2003); University of Minnesota (J.D., *cum laude*, 2007); Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (2005); Shareholder, Robichaud & Alcantara, P.A. (2005-18). Appointed 2018.

Kirsten M. Marshall Hamline University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1999); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 2002); Attorney, Osterbauer Law Firm (2002-12); Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell School of Law (2014-20). Appointed 2012.

William J. Marshall University of Minnesota - Duluth (B.B.A., Master of Industrial Safety); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Assets Protection Manager, Target (1992-96); Safety and Security Manager / HR Representative, North Star Steel (1996-2003); Attorney, Midwest Disability (2003-11). Appointed 2011.

Elisa M. Murillo University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, State of Minnesota Forth Judicial District; SiebenCarey; Pearson, Randall & Schumacher, P.A.; Fields Law Firm; Shareholder, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager, P.A. Appointed 2021.

Lisa B. Pearson St. Olaf College (B.A.); Drake University (J.D.); Staff Attorney, Minnesota

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1996-98); Staff Attorney, Conley & Borgeson (1998-99); Associate Attorney, Erstad & Riemer, P.A. (1999-2004); Attorney, League of Minnesota Cities (2004-05); Associate Attorney, Kelly R. Rodieck and Associates (2005-18); Adjunct Professor, University of St Thomas (2003-present); Adjunct Professor, Hamline University School of Law (2012-present). Appointed 2018.

Miriam P. Rykken Concordia College (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); high school instructor (1976-78); Administrative Fellow, University of Minnesota Extension Service; Attorney, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager P.A. (1987-99); Judge, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1999-2011). Appointed 2011.

Nicole Surges University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Tenth Judicial District; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals; Associate Attorney, Murane, Conlin, White & Brandt; Shareholder, Erstad & Riemer, P.A.) Appointed 2021.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

Office: 405 Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 539-1210 **Website:** mn.gov/workcomp/ **Email:** wcca.mail@state.mn.us

Law provides: The five-member court reviews all appealed questions of law and fact concerning workers' compensation claims. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 175A, 176)

Chief Judge Patricia J. Milun College of St. Benedict (1981); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); Workers' compensation attorney, Larsen, Heck, Klimek & Powell; Workers compensation judge, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry / Office of Administrative Hearings; Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry.

Deborah K. Sundquist University of Minnesota (1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1988); Attorney, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager P.A.; Meagher Geer. Appointed 2015.

Sean M. Quinn Carnegie Mellon University (B.S., Applied History, 1986); University of Minnesota (J.D. cum laude, 1989); Partner, Falsani, Balmer, Peterson & Quinn (1992-2018). Appointed 2018.

Thomas J. Christenson University of Minnesota (1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981). Shareholder, Quinlivan & Hughes, PA.

Kathryn H. Carlson University of Minnesota (1990); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1993). Appointed 2023.

TAX COURT

Office: Minnesota Judicial Center, Suite 245, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 **Phone:** (651) 296-2806 **Website:** <https://mn.gov/tax-court/>

Email: info@taxcourt.state.mn.us

Law provides: The court, composed of three judges, is where taxpayers may file appeals related to any state or local tax, except for special assessments. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 271)

Chief Judge Jane Bowman Macalester College (B.A., 2002); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2008); Legislative Assistant, Minnesota State Senate (2002-07); Housing Justice Center (2008-12); Hennepin County Attorney Civil Division (2012-20). Appointed January 13, 2020. Reappointed December 16, 2022.

Judge Bradford Delapena University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 1986); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1991); Assistant State Public Defender (1992-99); Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School, William Mitchell College of Law (1994-present); Assistant Attorney General, Tax Litigation Division, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (2000-07); private practice (2007-12). Appointed November 30, 2012. Reappointed December 1, 2020. Chief Judge from December 2012 - January 2015; June 2017 - March 2021.

Judge Beverly Luther Quast Wellesley College (B.A., 2003); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. magna cum laude); New York University School of Law (LL.M.); Vice President of Tax Planning, U.S. Bank; Senior Tax Counsel, 3M Company; International Tax Counsel, Ameriprise Financial; International Tax Consultant, Deloitte Tax, LLP; Adjunct Professor,

University of Minnesota; Chair, Minnesota Lavender Bar Association. Appointed February 26, 2025.

Judge Wendy Tien University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A., 1989); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1993); Civil Attorney, United States Department of Justice Civil Division (2000 - 07); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice Executive Office for United States Trustees (2008 - 16); Assistant Minnesota Attorney General (2016 - 19). Appointed November 13, 2019. Reappointed March 2021.

JUDICIAL-RELATED AGENCIES

BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Office: 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 297-7100 **Website:** www.cle.mn.gov

Law provides: The board oversees the administration of the mandatory continuing legal education requirement for attorneys.

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Office: 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 297-1857 **Website:** www.ble.mn.gov

Law provides: The board is responsible for overseeing the bar admission process in Minnesota. Board responsibilities include planning and overseeing administration of the Minnesota bar examination; overseeing the process through which bar applicants' character and fitness is investigated and certifications of good character are issued; conducting hearings on character and fitness or other eligibility issues for denied bar applicants; reviewing and recommending amendments to the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar; and reviewing all bar admission policy and administrative matters. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 481.01)

BOARD OF LEGAL CERTIFICATION

Office: 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 297-1857 **Website:** www.blc.mn.gov

Law provides: The board is responsible for accrediting independent agencies to certify certain Minnesota attorneys as specialists. Attorneys certified as specialists in particular areas of law may advertise their specialties. Minnesota attorneys who are certified as specialists must provide evidence of substantial involvement in the specialty area, pass a written examination in the specialty area, and complete at least 20 hours of continuing legal education courses in the specialty area every three years.

BOARD OF PARDONS

Office: 520 Lafayette Road North, St Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-539-2610 **Website:** <https://mn.gov/crc/about-us/board-pardons.jsp>

Law provides: The board may grant pardons, commutations and pardons extraordinary to applicants. The board consists of the governor, chief justice of the Supreme Court and attorney general. It meets twice yearly, and the meetings are open to the public. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 638) The board sends applications by mail once eligibility requirements have been established.

BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

Office: 1270 Northland Drive, Suite 160, Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Phone: (651) 296-3999 **Website:** www.bjs.state.mn.us **E-mail:** judicial.standards@state.mn.us

Law provides: The board of 10 lawyers, judges and public members investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges, recommends judicial discipline to the Supreme Court, and issues public reprimands and private warnings. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 490.15)

CLIENT SECURITY BOARD

Office: 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2400, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Website:** csb.mncourts.gov/

Court rules provide: The board is established by the supreme court and funded by lawyers' registration fees. The board's five lawyer members and two non-lawyer members reimburse clients who suffer a loss of money or other property from the dishonesty of their attorneys.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

Office of the Governor: 130 State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

Email: judicial.selection@state.mn.us

Website: mn.gov/governor/administration/judicialappointments/

Law provides: The commission meets to recommend candidates to district judge positions for unscheduled vacancies that occur. These vacancies occur prior to a judge's elected term being completed. The members make their recommendations to the governor. The judges that are appointed must run for election at the next general election that occurs more than one year after the governor's appointment. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 480B)

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD

Office: 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2400, St. Paul, MN 55101

Phone: (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Website:** lprb.mncourts.gov/

Court rules provide: The board oversees the lawyers professional responsibility office, which investigates complaints of alleged lawyer misconduct and prosecutes disciplinary actions against lawyers.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

Office: 658 Cedar Street, Suite G-58, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 296-0144 **Website:** mn.gov/sentencing-guidelines/

Email: sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us

Law provides: The 11-member commission seeks to reduce the disparity in sentencing practices in regard to length of prison terms and to establish goals for sentence uniformity and proportionality. It is composed of jurists, attorneys in public service, law enforcement officials, correction officials and public members. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 244.09)

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE (STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER)

Office: 331 S. 2nd. Ave., Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Phone: (612) 349-2565 **Website:** www.pubdef.state.mn.us

Law provides: The seven-member board approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, office of state public defender, judicial district public defenders and public defense corporations. The board approves standards for the offices of the state and district public defenders, and for the conduct of all appointed counsel systems as established by the state public defender. The board also appoints the state public defender and all judicial district public defenders. (*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 611.215)

STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD

Office: Minnesota Judicial Center Suite G-27, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: (651) 215-9467 **Website:** mn.gov/guardian-ad-litem/

Law provides: The seven-member board creates and administers a statewide, independent guardian ad litem program to advocate for the best interests of children, minor parents, and incompetent adults in juvenile and family court. (Laws 2010, c 309 sec. 5)