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Minnesota in a Pandemic



Protesters gather outside the Hennepin County Government Center on March 8, 2021 prior to the start of the Derek Chauvin trial. Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted in the murder of George Floyd on May 25th, 2020.

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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 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, Supreme Court administrator, 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: \$205,362 chief justice; \$186,692 associate justices

Commissioner of Supreme Court: Rita DeMeules

State Court Administrator: Jeff Shorba

Deputy State Court Administrator: Dawn Torgerson

Clerk of Appellate Courts: AnnMarie S. O'Neill

Director of Communications and Public Affairs: Jodi Boyne

State Law Librarian: Liz Reppe

Chief Justice

**Lorie Skjerven Gildea**

Minneapolis. University of Minnesota Morris (B.A., with distinction, 1983); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., magna cum laude, order of the coif, 1986); litigation practice, Arent Fox, Washington, D.C. (1986–1993); associate general counsel, University of Minnesota (1993–2004); prosecutor, Hennepin County attorney's office (2004–05); judge, Fourth Judicial District (2005–06). Appointed January 11, 2006. Elected 2008; Appointed Chief Justice July 1, 2010; elected 2012, 2018.

Associate Justices

**G. Barry Anderson (1)**

Apple Valley. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1976); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1979); partner, Arnold, Anderson & Dove PLLP (1984–98); city attorney, Hutchinson (1987–98); member and chairman, Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board (1997–98); judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1998–2004). Appointed October 13, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

**Natalie E. Hudson (6)**

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.



Margaret H. Chutich (2)

Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1980); University of Zagreb (1981); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1984); clerk, Honorable Diana E. Murphy (1984–86); private practice, Tanick & Heins (1986–89); private practice, Opperman Heins & Paquin (1989–91); deputy attorney general, executive counsel, assistant attorney general, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (1992–94; 1996–2008); assistant United States attorney, District of Minnesota (1994–96); assistant dean, Humphrey School of Public Affairs (2009–11); judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2012–2016). Appointed March 17, 2016. Elected 2018.



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.



Paul 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.

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

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: \$184,707 chief judge; \$175,915 judges



Chief Judge Susan Segal (7)
 Fourth Congressional District

University of California, Berkeley (B.A.); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., *cum laude*); Minneapolis City Attorney; Susan Segal PLLC; Partner; Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.; Senior Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Appointed May 1, 2020.



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.



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.



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. Appointed Chief Judge November 1, 2010.



Michelle Ann Larkin (11)

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.



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.



Carol A. Hooten (3)

Second Congressional District

Lakeville. University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude, 1973); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–2002); judge, First Judicial District (2002–2012). Appointed June 1, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.



Denise D. Reilly (8)

College of Wooster (B.A., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); attorney, Lindquist & Vennum (1985–1989); Assistant U.S. Attorney (1989–1997); Minnesota Judicial Council (2005–2013); judge, Fourth Judicial District (1997–2014). Appointed April 3, 2014. Elected 216.



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.



Lucinda E. Jesson (2)

St. Paul. University of Arkansas (B.A., 1979); University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1983); private law practice, Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly LLP (1983–93); Minnesota Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General (1993–98); Chief Deputy Hennepin County Attorney (1999–2000); private law practice, Jesson & Pust, P.A., (2001–06); Associate Professor of Law, Founder and Director of the Health Law Institute, Hamline University School of Law (2006–11); Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services (2011–2015). Appointed January 4, 2016. Elected 2018.



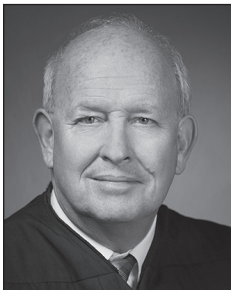
Tracy M. Smith (4)

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.



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.



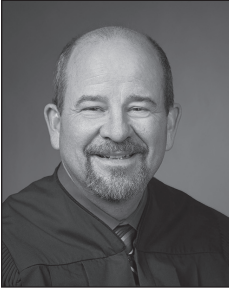
James B. Florey (14)

University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., 1978); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981); Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota (1982–1983), Assistant St. Louis County Attorney (1985–1999); judge; Sixth Judicial District, 1999–2017. Appointed June 14, 2017. Elected 2018.



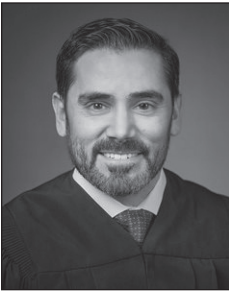
Jeanne M. Cochran (13)

Dartmouth College (B.A., summa cum laude, 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude & 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.



Randall J. Slieter (9)

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.



Jeffrey M. Bryan (18)

University of Texas at Austin (B.A., highest honors); Yale Law School (J.D.). Law clerk, Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, U.S. District Court Judge; Associate Attorney; Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi; Assistant United States Attorney. Appointed May 4, 2020.



Jennifer L. Frisch (10)

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.

**Theodora Gaitas (1)**

Law Clerk, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, 1993-1994; Assistant Public Defender, Bucks County Public Defender's Office, Bucks County, PA, 1994-1996; Law 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. Appointed August 24, 2020.

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

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

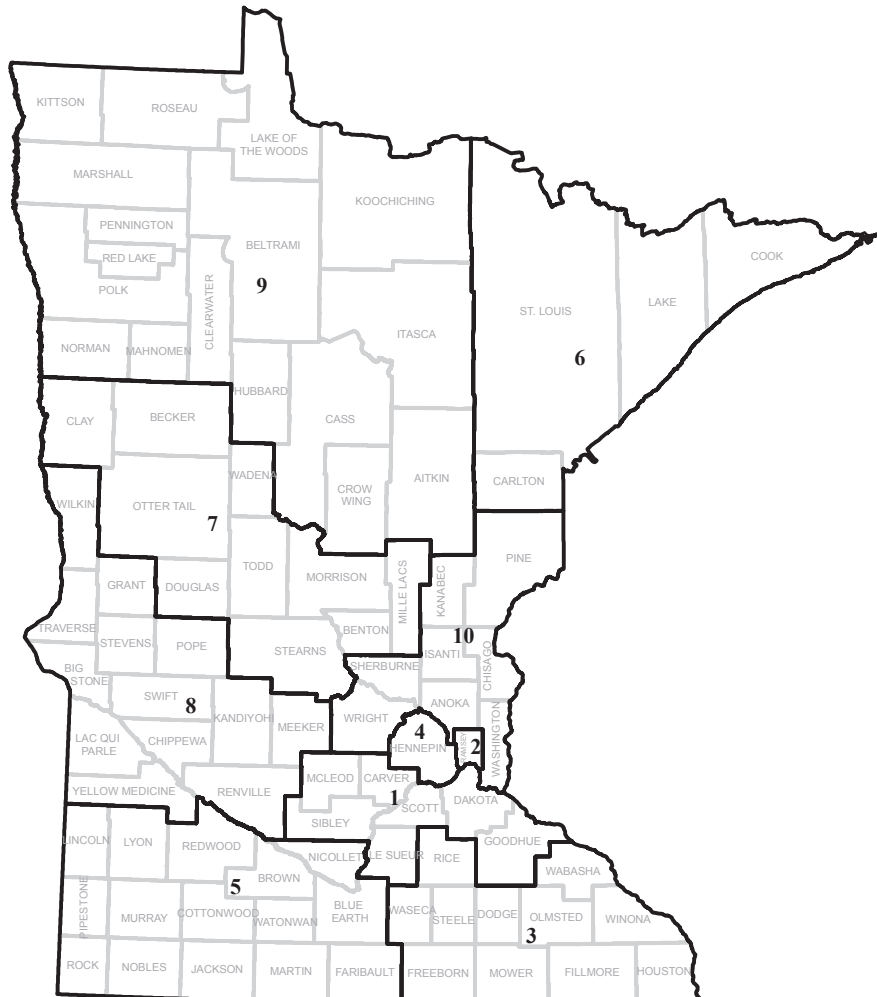
MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

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 #200, Hastings 55033

Phone: (651) 438-4352 **Website:** www.courts.state.mn.us/district/1

Jerome B. Abrams (35), Mendota Heights. Beloit College (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981); private practice (1981–2007); adjunct associate professor, University of MN Law School; adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law. Appointed January 11, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

Arlene M. Asencio Perkkio (2), Mendota Heights. Macalester College (B.S., 1987); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); private practice (1995–2011); part-time public defender (1995–2011). Appointed July 28, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018.

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.

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

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

Janet L. Cain (34), Burnsville. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1986); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1989); clerk to the Hon. Robert G. Schiefelbein (1989–92); assistant Minneapolis city attorney (1992–94); assistant Carver County attorney (1994–2008). Appointed January 3, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

Joseph T. Carter (32), Hastings. Brandeis University (B.A., 1979); Barry University (M.A., 1980); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1983); staff attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (1983–85); assistant Scott County attorney (1985–86); staff attorney, Hyatt Legal Services (1986–87); assistant public defender, Second Judicial District (1987–98); chief public defender, First Judicial District (1998–2001). Appointed February 22, 2001. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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. Elected 2016, 2018.

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.

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

Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Office; Assistant Public Defender, First Judicial District Public Defender's Office. Appointed October 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

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.

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.

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

Assistant Chief Judge David L. Knutson (6), Lakeville. 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.

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.

Caroline H. Lennon (25), Mendota Heights. 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.

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.

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.

Kevin F. Mark (33), Red Wing. Mankato State University (1975); Marquette University Law School (1979); private practice (1979-2002). Appointed January 10, 2003. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016.

Michael J. Mayer (14), Eagan. 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.

Cynthia L. McCollum (13), Victoria. 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.

Timothy J. McManus (7), Mendota Heights. Drake University (B.S., B.A., 1981); Cambridge University (1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); shareholder, Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren (1985-97). Appointed August 1, 1997. Elected 1998, 2004, 2010, 2016.

Chief Judge Kathryn Davis Messerich (20), Mendota Heights. Northern Michigan University (B.S., 1979); University of Minnesota (M.S., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1987-2004). Appointed April 19, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

Shawn M. Moynihan (16), Hastings. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell

College of Law (J.D., 1982); private practice (1982–2007); attorney, city of Hastings; prosecutor, city of Rosemount. Appointed June 14, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

Ann M. Offermann (1), St. Paul. 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.

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

Mark Vandelist (15), American University (B.A., 1980), Hamline University (J.D., 1983); attorney, Thomas Lyons & Assoc (1984-1985); Tom Albers & Assoc. (1985-1989); Appointed January 13, 2014. Elected 2016.

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

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.

Michael D. Wentzell (12), Carver. 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.

Tim D. Wermager (36), Hastings. Mankato State University (B.S., 1997); University of Iowa (J.D., 1982); private practice (1982–2007). Appointed January 24, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

Christian S. Wilton (18), St. Paul. 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

SECOND DISTRICT

District Administrator: Heather M. Kendall

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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, 2020. Elected 2020.

Robert A. Awsumb (19), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1986); private practice (1986–2005). Appointed October 3, 2005. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

Joy D. Bartscher (7), St. Paul. 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.

Shawn Marie Bartsh (13), St. Paul. Luther College (B.S., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); private practice (1982–2013); conciliation court referee, Second Judicial District (1991–2013) Appointed June 10, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

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.

Chief Judge Leonardo Castro (1), White Bear Township. 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.

Patrick C. Diamond (8), St. Paul. Hamline University (B.A., 1982); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1986); law clerk, Honorable Gerald W. Heaney, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1986–88); associate, Oppenheimer, Wolff, and Donnelly (1988–91); Bigelow teaching fellow, University of Chicago Law School (1991–92); Office of the Hennepin County Attorney (1992–2012). Appointed July 2, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Thomas Arthur Gilligan, Jr. (21), St. Paul. 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.

Assistant Chief Judge Sara R. Grewing (9), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (Bachelor of Music, 1999); William Mitchell College of Law (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.

John H. Guthmann (26), St. Paul. Cornell College (B.A., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); judicial law clerk, Chief Justice Robert Sheran, Minnesota Supreme Court (1980–1981) and the Honorable Harold Kalina, Fourth Judicial District (1979); attorney, partner and managing partner, Hansen Dordell (1981–2008). Appointed March 27, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

JaPaul Harris (24), Syracuse University (B.A., 2000); Hamline University (J.D. 2003); Staff Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; Minneapolis Public School District; Managing/Supervising Attorney, Mid Minnesota Legal Aid. Appointed July 11, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

Lezlie Ott Marek (5), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1980); University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1983); attorney, Bowman and Brooke, LLP (1986–1995); attorney, Hanson Marek Bolkom & Greene, Ltd. (1996–2010). Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012, 2018.

Robyn A. Millenacker (14), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1988); private practice (1989–94); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Los Angeles, CA (1994–96); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Minneapolis, MN (1996–2010). Appointed June 14, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

Elena L. Ostby (28), Roseville. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); private practice (1986–2004). Appointed September 15, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

George T. Stephenson (3), Maplewood. St. Mary's College (B.A., 1980); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); assistant federal defender (1988–90); private practice (1990–98); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1998–99); deputy St. Paul city attorney (1999–2001). Appointed November 30, 2001. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016.

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.

Teresa R. (Tracy) Warner (22), White Bear Lake. St. Mary's University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1981); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1986); private practice (1985–88); assistant Washington County attorney (1988–98). Appointed January 26, 1998. Elected 2000, 2006, 2012, 2018.

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.

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.

THIRD DISTRICT

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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.

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.

Assistant 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.

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.

Joseph Frederick Chase (15) University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1979); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1982); private practice (1982–99). Appointed August 16, 1999. Elected 2000, 2006, 2012, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Mary C. Leahy (7) University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., 1984); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1990); law clerk to Judge James Mork and Judge Michael Siebel (1990-91); private practice (1991-98); senior staff attorney, America Family Insurance (1998-2006). Appointed April 28, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Ross L. 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.

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.

Kevin Anthony Lund (14) University of Minnesota (B.A., 1977); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1980); private practice (1981-2001). Appointed April 2, 2001. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

Matthew J. Opat (19) University of Iowa (B.A., 1974); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice, Matthew J. Opat, P.A. (1977-2013); assistant attorney, attorney, Fillmore County (1981-97; 1997-2003); prosecutor, City of Chatfield (1981-2013). Appointed June 28, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Steven R. Schwab (3) St. John's University (B.S., 1979); St. Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1982); Albert Lea city attorney (1989-2008). Appointed August 29, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

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.

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.

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.

Katherine 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.

Chief Judge Jodi L. Williamson (20) Marquette University (B.A., 1980); Hamline University Law School (J.D., 1983); assistant city attorney; private practice; assistant public defender. Appointed January 7, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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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.

Jamie L. Anderson (40), Minneapolis. University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1997); California Western School of Law (J.D., 2000); committee administrator, Minnesota House of Representatives (2003); legislative affairs director/attorney, Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (2003-2005); private practice (2005-2010). Appointed December 30, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018.

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.

Chief Judge Toddrick S. Barnette (28), Maple Grove. George Washington University (B.A., 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1992); public defender, Hennepin County (1993-2001); senior public defense attorney, Hennepin County (2001-04); senior Hennepin County attorney (2004-06). Appointed February 6, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Luis A. Bartolomei (42), Minneapolis. 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), Plymouth. Augsburg College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1981, Political Science and Speech Communications); 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), St. Bonifacius. College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1988); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); private practice; assistant Hutchinson city attorney, chief of criminal prosecution (1993-96); assistant Carver County attorney (1996-99); private practice (1999-2006); Adjunct faculty, William Mitchell College of Law (2007-present). Appointed June 9, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Tanya M. Bransford (47), Minneapolis. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., *cum laude*); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1983); associate attorney, private practice (1983-87); workers' compensation judge, State of Minnesota (1987-89); district court referee, Hennepin County (1990-94). Appointed July 1, 1994. Elected 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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 Igbanugo 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.

Susan N. Burke (18), Minneapolis. 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.

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.

Peter A. Cahill (32), Plymouth. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1981); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1984); assistant public defender, Hennepin County (1984-87); private practice (1987-1997); Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1997-2007). Appointed May 30, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Hilary Lindell Caligiuri (41), Minneapolis. 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.

Philip C. Carruthers (15), Minnetonka. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975; J.D., 1979); private law practice (1979-2000); Minnesota House of Representatives (1987-2000); director, civil and prosecution divisions, Ramsey County Attorney's Office (2000-11). Appointed October 17, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018.

Marta M. Chou (23), Deephaven. 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.

Regina Chu (13), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., cum laude, 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); Law Clerk for Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Douglas Amdahl (1980-81); Special Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1981-84); private practice (1985-2002); Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law (1984-87). Appointed July 22, 2002. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016.

Thomas J. Conley, Jr. (3), Minneapolis. 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.

Lois Regnier Conroy (44), Minneapolis. 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.

Elizabeth V. Cutter (22), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1974; M.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); special assistant, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1980-87); assistant attorney, Hennepin County (1988-2007); senior assistant attorney, Hennepin County (2007-13). Elected 2012, 2018.

Margaret A. Daly (31), Golden Valley. University of St. Catherine (B.A., 1977); William

Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude 1981). Clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court (1981-82); associate attorney, Robins, Zelle, Larson and Kaplan (1982-85); Assistant Hennepin County Attorney (1988-93); District Court Referee, Hennepin County (1993-2000). Appointed December 1, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Amy Dawson (61), Minneapolis. 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.

Nicole A. Engisch (24), Minneapolis. Rutgers University (B.A., 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1990); U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Minnesota (2002-14); private practice (1991-2002); Appointed February 3, 2014. Elected 2016.

Todd M. Fellman (29), Greenfield. 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.

Tamara G. Garcia (7), Eden Prairie. 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.

Charlene W. Hatcher (56), Minneapolis. 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.

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.

Martha A. Holton Dimick (14), Minneapolis. Alverno College (B.S.N., 1981); Marquette University Law School (J.D., 1991); associate attorney, Mackall, Crouse & Moore (1991-95); associate attorney, Gray Plant Mooty (1995-99); assistant prosecutor, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1999-2009); criminal deputy, Minneapolis City Attorney's Office (2009-12); adjunct faculty, William Mitchell College of Law (2005-12). Appointed June 18, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Juan G. Hoyos (4), Minneapolis. 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.

Karen A. Janisch (34), Minneapolis. 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.

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 - 1999); Assistant Public Defender, First District (1999 - 2007); Managing Attorney, First District Public Defender (2007 - 2016). Appointed July 11, 2016. Elected 2018.

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.

Joseph R. Klein (26), Minnetonka. 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, Medicinal 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.

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), Minneapolis. 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.

Frank J. Magill (2), St. Louis Park. 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.

Bruce D. Manning (60), Minneapolis. 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.

Assistant Chief Judge Kerry W. Meyer (5), Minneapolis. 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.

Laurie J. Miller (39), Edina. Stanford University (B.A., 1978); Yale Law School (J.D., 1981); private practice (1983–2008). Appointed April 7, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

James Moore (16), Plymouth. University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1981); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1985), Bloomington City Attorney's Office (1986–89); Minneapolis City Attorney's Office (1990–2012). Appointed January 7, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Daniel C. Moreno (20), Minneapolis. 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.

Nelson L. Peralta (49), Minneapolis. 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.

David L. Piper (6), Minneapolis. Whittier College (B.A., 1975); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice (1980–99); child support magistrate, family court referee (1999–2011). Appointed June 16, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018.

Kathryn L. Quaintance (10), Minneapolis. Smith College (B.A., 1977); Rutgers Law School (J.D., 1986); private practice (1986–90); Hennepin county attorney's office (1990–2000). Appointed December 12, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Jay M. Quam (27), Eden Prairie. 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.

Jeanne M. Reding (57), Minneapolis. 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.

M. Jacqueline Regis (33), Minneapolis. Principia College (1975); Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 1980); judicial law clerk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Superior Court (1980-81); staff attorney/hearing officer, Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission (1981-83); assistant attorney general, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (1985-96); senior associate general counsel, second vice president and senior corp. counsel, St. Paul Travelers Insurance Companies (1996-2001; 2001-05); director of ethics and integrity, senior associate general counsel of medicare and retirement, UnitedHealth Group, Inc. (2005-07; 2007-11). Appointed August 1, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018.

Patrick D. Robben (59), Minnetonka. 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.

Susan M. Robiner (30), Minneapolis. Carleton College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1981); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1985); private practice (1985-2006); adjunct professor, University of St. Thomas School of Law (2004-06). Appointed September 5, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

Paul R. Scoggin (45) Edina. Saint John's University (BS 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.

Kathleen D. Sheehy (38), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1978); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1984); clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1984-86); associate, partner, Dorsey & Whitney (1986-95); contract administrative law judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (1995-2002); administrative law judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2002-12). Appointed July 16, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Kristin Siegesmund (54), St. Louis Park. Brown University (B.A., honors, 1977); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., honors, 1980); Department of Justice Antitrust Division (1980-82); private practice (1982-89); Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (1989-2012). Appointed January 7, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Bridget Ann Sullivan (43). Minneapolis. University of Notre Dame (B.A. 1985 with honors), Johns Hopkins University (Graduate Fellow, 1989-1992), U.S Environmental Protection Agency (1989-1992), University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. 1995 with honors), law clerk to U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge Franklin L. Noel (1995-1997), private practice (1997-2013), Senior Counsel at the Office of Chief Counsel of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (2013-2014). 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 15, 2019.

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 (1996-1997); Hanson Marek Bolkcom & Greene, Associate (1997 - 1999); Rider Bennett, Associate (1999 - 2001); Solo Practitioner (2002 - 2014); University of Minnesota Law School (2007-2020). Appointed July 6, 2020.

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

Edward Thomas Wahl (55), Minneapolis. 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 Sheffield West (35), Minneapolis. 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.

Angela J. Willms (63), Minneapolis. 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.

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 - 2011); White Earth Tribal Court, Appellate Judge (2012 - 2014); Indian Child Welfare Law Center, Staff Attorney (2014 - 2017); Hennepin County, American Indian Community Relations Development Manager (2018 - 2020). Appointed November 16, 2020.

FIFTH DISTRICT

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Assistant Chief Judge Gregory J. Anderson (1), North Mankato. 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.

Darci J. Bentz (16), Fairmont. 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 (2000-2003); private practice (2003-2006). Appointed September 26, 2014. Elected 2016.

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

Chief Judge Michelle A. Dietrich (6), Redwood Falls. 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.

Robert A. Docherty (15), New Ulm. 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.

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.

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 (1995-1997); Associate Attorney, Nelson & Van Hon (1997-1998); Assistant Public Defender, Trial Team, Office of State Public Defender (1998-2018). Appointed January 12, 2018.

Krista J. Jass (14), Blue Earth. 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.

Kurt D. Johnson (10), New Ulm. St. Olaf College (B.A., 1979); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); private practice (1983-2002). Appointed June 20, 2002. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016.

Allison L. Krehbiel (3), St. Peter. 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.

Patrick Rohland (12), Redwood Falls. Minnesota State University - Moorhead (B.A., 1995); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2000); Fabyanske, Westra & Hart, P.A., Associate (2000-2004); assistant county attorney, Redwood County (2004-2008); county attorney, Redwood County (2008-2010); city attorney, Redwood Falls (2011-2013); 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.

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 (1996-1998); Associate Attorney and Assistant Martin County Attorney, Viesselman & Barke PA/Martin County Attorney's Office (1998-2015). Appointed January 4, 2016. Elected 2018.

Terry Scott Vajgrt (2), Luverne. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1986); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1989); adjunct professor, criminal law, Colorado Technical University (2002-04); assistant city attorney, Luverne (1990-2004); assistant attorney, Rock County (1990-2004); partner, Klosterbuer and Vajgrt (1990-2004); assistant public defender, state of Minnesota (2004-12). Appointed February 15, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Todd W. Westphal (8), Saint Peter. 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), Worthington. 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 Dakota (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.

SIXTH DISTRICT

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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. Pagliaccetti; 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.

Assistant Chief Judge Leslie E. Beiers (15), Duluth. 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, 1983-1985; Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Northeastern Minnesota, 1985-1991; Assistant Carlton County Attorney, 1991-1995; Special Assistant United States Attorney, 2011-2014; Assistant St. Louis County Attorney (Juvenile, Criminal and Civil divisions), 1995-2014. Appointed June 27, 2014. Elected 2016.

Chief Judge Michael J. Cuzzo (11), Duluth. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., magna cum laude 1980); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1983); private practice (1983-2010). Elected 2010, 2016.

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.

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.

Dale O. Harris (6), Hermantown. University of Minnesota (B.M.E., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1993); judge advocate, U.S. Navy (1993-2000); U.S. Navy Reserve (2000-present); private practice (2000-01); Chief Deputy Court Administrator, St. Louis County (2001-04); assistant attorney, St. Louis County - civil division (2004-10). Appointed March 8, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018.

Eric L. Hylden (9), Duluth. 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.

David M. Johnson (4), Duluth. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Notre Dame Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1993); prosecutor, U.S. Marine Corps (1993-95); prosecutor, Hennepin County attorney's office (1996); adult felony prosecutor, St. Louis County attorney's office (1996-2002, 2005-06); recalled to active duty, Operation Enduring Freedom, served in the Pentagon and in Afghanistan (2002-06). Appointed July 7, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Robert E. Macaulay (3), Cloquet. Roanoke College (B.A., 1978); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1981); assistant Carlton County attorney (1984-95). Appointed February 23, 1995. Elected 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Theresa M. Neo (13), Duluth. 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.

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, 2020.

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.

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.

Sally L. Tarnowski (12), Duluth. University of Minnesota-Duluth (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1986); law clerk, associate attorney and shareholder, Johnson, Killen and Seiler (1986–2003); private practice (2003–07). Appointed March 1, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

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Daniel A. Benson (3), Long Prairie. University of Minnesota (B.S.B. 1982); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D. cum laude 1988); private practice 1988-1990; Assistant Pine County Attorney 1990-1991; private practice and assistant public defender 1991-1993; Assistant St. Cloud City Attorney 1993-1995; Assistant Stearns County Attorney 1995-2003; assistant district and state public defender and private practice 2003-2014. MSBA Board Certified Criminal Defense Specialist. Appointed February 19, 2014. Elected 2016.

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.

William J. Cashman (20), St. Cloud. 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.

Chief Judge Jay D. Carlson (2), Long Prairie. St. John’s University (B.A. cum laude 1976); Hamline University School of Law (J.D. 1979); private practice (1979–2006) Appointed August 17, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

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 Currott & Jesse; Assistant Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District; Shareholder, Peters & Churchwell, P.A. Appointed February 1, 2017. Elected 2018.

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.

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.

Kris Davick-Halfen (1), St. Cloud. Concordia College (B.A., 1981); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1985); assistant Wadena County attorney (1985–89); private practice (1985–86); assistant Morrison County attorney (1989–97); mediator/guardian ad litem/independent hearing officer (1998–2004); child support magistrate, Seventh Judicial District

(1998–2004). Appointed November 18, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

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 (2000–2004); Assistant County Attorney, Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney’s Office (2004–2006); Chief – Juvenile Division, Stearns County Attorney’s Office (2006–2018); Senior Attorney, Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney’s Office (2018–2019). Appointed July 22, 2109. Elected 2020.

Michael D. Fritz (18) St. John’s University (BS 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 (2002–2007); Becker County Attorney (2007–2014); Appointed February 19, 2014. Elected 2016.

Amber B. Gustafson (23), Minnesota State University Moorhead (B.A.); University of North Dakota (J.D.); Sergeant, Minnesota Army National Guard; Judicial law clerk, Hon. Lisa N. Borgen and Hon. Galen J. Vaa; Attorney advisor, Social Security Administration; Associate, Oster Law Office; Defense counsel and founding member, Clay–Becker Counties Veterans Treatment Court; Owner, Gustafson Law. Appointed April 16, 2018.

Assistant Chief Judge Sarah E. Hennesy (15), St. Cloud. Central College (B.A., 1991); Drake Law School (J.D., 1994); assistant appellate defender, State Appellate Defender’s Office (1994–96); associate attorney, Kohn & Einstein (1998–99); assistant public defender, deputy public defender, Alexandria Public Defender’s Office (1999–2002; 2002–03); associate attorney, Damiani & Damiani, P.C. (2003–05); staff attorney, St. Cloud Area Legal Services (2006–12). Appointed March 12, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Mark J. Herzog (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.

Michael S. Jesse (24), Foley. Christopher Newport College (B.A., *cum laude*, 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1985); private practice/public defender (1986–91); Benton County Attorney (1991–2000). Appointed November 9, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

Michelle Winkis Lawson (9), Moorhead. 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.

Mary B. Mahler (7), St. Cloud. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Andrew Robert Pearson (11), St. Cloud. 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 (2007-2013). 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 (2008-2012); Chief Deputy Stearns County Attorney (2003-2017). Appointed September 14, 2017. Elected 2018.

Robert J. Raupp (21), Foley. 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, 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.

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.

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 - 2004); Asst. Stearns County Attorney, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2004 - 2007); Asst. Chief - Criminal Division, Stearns County Attorney's Office (2007 - 2017). Appointed September 6, 2017. Elected 2018.

Leonard A. Weiler (14), Sartell. 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.

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.

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Assistant Chief Judge Stephanie L. Beckman (2), Litchfield. 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.

Amy J. Doll (6), Elbow Lake. 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.

Jennifer Kurud Fischer, (1) Willmar. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1993); law clerk, Eighth Judicial District (1993-1995); assistant attorney, Kandiyohi County (1995-1999); assistant public defender, Eighth Judicial District (1999-2003); private practice, Jones & Fischer, P.A. 2003-2010; Kandiyohi County Attorney. Elected 2010 (2011-2013); Director, Rice Memorial Hospital (2010-2013). Appointed October 2, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Charles C. Glasrud (5), Morris. Kenyon College (B.A., 1977); Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (J.D., 1981); private practice (1981-2011); attorney, Stevens County (1991-2011); attorney, Morris City (1986-2011). Appointed July 8, 2011. Elected 2012, 2018.

Rodney Clay Hanson (9), Glenwood. Concordia College (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. 1985); private practice (1985-2013). Appointed November 6, 2013. Elected 2016.

Chief Judge Dwayne N. Knutsen (3), Granite Falls. University of South Dakota (B.A., 1973); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1985); private practice (1986-2010); Chippewa County Attorney (1999-2010). Appointed July 30, 2010. Elected 2012, 2018.

David L. Mennis (11), Benson. South Dakota State University (B.S., 1981); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); private practice (1985-2000); Swift County Attorney (1990-2000). Appointed June 30, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

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.

Thomas W. Van Hon (10), Montevideo. Iowa State University (B.S., 1981); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 1984); University of Iowa Graduate College (M.A., 1984); assistant attorney, Redwood County (1985); private practice (1986-2012); attorney, Fairfax City (1989-2012); assistant public defender, Fifth Judicial District (1994-2012); Director, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop School District (1992-2012). Appointed December 4, 2012. Elected 2014, 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.

NINTH DISTRICT

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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.

Erik J. Askegaard (13), Brainerd. University of North Dakota (B.S., 1982); University of North Dakota (J.D., 1986); private practice (1987-2009). Appointed January 4, 2010; elected 2012, 2018.

Assistant Chief Judge Jana M. Austad (19), Walker. 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 (1997-1998);

2005–2013). Appointed June 14, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

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.

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.

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 (2001-20014); Assistant Beltrami County Attorney (2004-2006); Chief Assistant Beltrami County Attorney (2006-2014); Beltrami County Attorney (2014-2017). Appointed October 4, 2017. Elected 2018.

Kristine R. DeMay (23), Brainerd. 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.

Donna K. Dixon (20), Roseau. 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.

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.

Corey A. Harbott (17) University of North Dakota (B.A., 1995; J.D., 1998). Ninth Judicial District Law Clerk17 for The Honorable Richard Taylor (1999–2002); Minnesota State Public Defender (2002–2020). Appointed March 27, 2020.

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 (2007-2017). Appointed February 24, 2017. Elected 2018.

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.

John G. Melbye (7), Bemidji. 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.

Anne M. Rasmusson (11), Mahanomen. 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.

Jeffrey S. Remick (18), Crookston. 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), Warren. 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.

Shari R. Schluchter (1), Bemidji. University of North Dakota (B.S., 1982; J.D., 1985); private practice (1985–95); assistant Beltrami County attorney (1985–90); chief assistant Beltrami County attorney (1990–2005). Appointed May 27, 2005. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

Jerrod 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.

Darlene Rivera Spalla (22) Assistant County Attorney, Mahanomen County; Assistant Public Defender, Detroit Lakes; White Earth Band Tribal Attorney; County Attorney, Mahanomen County. Appointed September 27, 2019. Elected 2020.

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.

Robert D. Tiffany (14), Park Rapids. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1988–91); Redwood County attorney (1991–96); private practice (1996–2007). Appointed March 20, 2007. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

D. Korey Wahwassuck (5), Grand Rapids. University of Missouri (B.A., 1987); University of Missouri School of Law (J.D., 1991); private practice (1991–2003); Leech Lake Tribal Attorney, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (2003–06); Leech Lake Tribal Court Judge, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court (2006–13). Appointed June 28, 2013. Elected 2014, 2020.

Chief Judge Tamara L. Yon (15), Crookston. 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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Suzanne Bollman (13), Ramsey. 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.

Amy R. Brosnahan (2), Knife Lake Township. 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 (2007-2013); Assistant Kanabec County Attorney (2003-2006); Associate, Leonard Street and Deinard (1999-2002); Teacher (1985-1996). Appointed January 3, 2014. Elected 2016.

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, 2003-2004; Scott County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney, (2005-2018), Senior Attorney - Criminal Division Head (2018-2019). 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.

James A. Cunningham Jr. (19), Spring Lake Park. University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., 1986); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 1989); private practice (1990-92); assistant district counsel, Minneapolis Public Schools (1993-99); assistant Minneapolis city attorney (1999-2003); commissioner, Minnesota Bureau of Mediation Services (2003-08). Appointed January 2, 2009. Elected 2010, 2016.

Michele A. Davis (18), Buffalo. 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.

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

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.

Thomas M. Fitzpatrick (44), Anoka. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981); assistant Blue Earth county attorney (1981-83); private practice (1983-2007). Appointed January 1, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

Patrick W. Flanagan (17), University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse (B.A., 1990); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D., 1993); Heuer & Vandelist, Associate (1993-1995); Custard Insurance Adjusters, Branch Manager (1995-1996); Flanagan Law Office, Attorney (1996-2001); Mower County Attorney's Office, Assistant (2001-2002); Mower County Attorney's Office, County Attorney (2003-2006); Flanagan Law Office and State Public Defender's Office, Attorney and Part-Time Public Defender (2006 - 2018). Appointed February 21, 2018.

Bethany Fountain Lindberg (21), Anoka. Rochester Community College (A.A., 1985); Mankato State University (B.S., 1989); University of Minnesota (J.D., cum laude, 1997); private practice (1997-99); assistant Anoka County attorney, Child Support Enforcement Unit chief attorney and Family Law Division chief attorney, Anoka County Attorney's office (1999-2009). Appointed December 4, 2009. Elected 2012, 2018.

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.

Gregory G. Galler (38), Lake Elmo. 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. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

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.

Stephen M. Halsey (20), Buffalo. St. Cloud State College (1973); William Mitchell (J.D., 1978). Appointed May 24, 2002. Elected 2004, 2010, 2016.

Sheridan K. Hawley (9), Hugo. 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, Meshbesh & 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 and 2007–12). Appointed May 24, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Assistant Chief Judge Stoney L. Hiljus (6), Cambridge. 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.

John C. Hoffman (31), Stillwater. University of Minnesota (B.S., with distinction, 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1982); Hoffman & Hoffman (1982–85); Mille Lacs county attorney (1985–92); Terpstra, Black, Brandell, Kaminsky & Hoffman (1992–97). Appointed September 16, 1997. Elected 1998, 2004, 2010, 2016.

Richard Ilkka (7), Oak Park Heights. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); clerk, Tenth Judicial District (1987–89); private practice (1989–90); public defender, Washington County (1989–2007); Oakdale city attorney (1993–2007); solo practitioner (1990–2007). Appointed August 9, 2007; elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Jonathan Neal Jasper (43), Andover. Hamline University (B.A., 1984); Cornell Law School (J.D., 1987); private practice (1987–2005). Appointed December 20, 2005. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Jenny Walker Jasper (30), Andover. 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.

Tad V. Jude (3), Fridley. University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1977); Jude Candy Company; U.S. Army Reserves (1971–77); Member, Legislature (1973–83); Member, Senate (1983–89); Member, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners (1989–93); private practice (1978–2010). Elected 2010, 2016.

Walter M. Kaminsky (39), Elk River. University of Illinois, Chicago (B.A. 1980); Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D. 1983); Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney (1984–1988); Sherburne and Anoka County Public Defender (1990–1995); Terpstra, Black, Brandell, Kaminsky, & Hoffman (1989–1995); Sherburne County Attorney (1996–2002); Lindell and Lavoie (2003–2013). 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.

Kristin C. Larson (45), Lino Lakes. Carleton College (B.A., cum laude, 1981); George Washington University National Law Center (J.D., 1984); private practice and volunteer attorney (1984–85); executive director, attorney and volunteer attorney coordinator (1986–88); assistant Wright county attorney (1988–90); assistant Anoka

county attorney (1990–2007). Appointed January 1, 2008. Elected 2010, 2016.

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.

Nancy J. Logering (14), Becker. Brainerd Community College (A.A., 1979); College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1981); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1985); private practice (1985–87); Renville County attorney office (1985–87); Sherburne County attorney office (1987–2000). Appointed August 9, 2000. Elected 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Ellen Louise Maas (35), Birchwood. Drake University (B.A., magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1978); University of Iowa Law School (J.D., with distinction, 1981); law clerk to Justice Glenn E. Kelley, Minnesota Supreme Court (1981–82); private practice (1982–95). Appointed January 13, 1995. Elected 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014, 2020.

Krista K. Martin (29), Pine City. 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.

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.

Catherine M. (Kate) 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), Anoka. 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.

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.

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), Andover. 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.

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.

Assistant Chief Judge Elizabeth H. Strand (32), Buffalo. 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 Andandale and Buffalo, MN (2009–12). Appointed September 10, 2012. Elected 2014, 2020.

Dyanna L. Street (12), Ramsey. 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.

Barry A. Sullivan (26), Coon Rapids. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1980); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1983); private practice (1983–2006); assistant city attorney for Andover, Anoka, and Lino Lakes (1988–2006). Appointed September 29, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Geoffrey W. Tenney (42), Buffalo. 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.

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).

Heather M. Wynn (37), Pine City. 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.

Mary Yunker (33), Elk River. University of Minnesota (B.A.S., 1977); Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1980); staff attorney, Civil Aeronautics Board (1980–82); clerk, Ninth Judicial District (1982–84); assistant Mankato city attorney (1984–85); assistant Scott County attorney (1985); assistant Stearns County attorney (1986–2003); chief deputy Sherburne County attorney (2003–04). Appointed October 1, 2004. Elected 2006, 2012, 2018.

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Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judges

Chief Judge Jenny L. Starr University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts; University of Minnesota Law School; Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2003–2005); Attorney, Legal Assistance of Dakota County (2005–2007); Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law (2007–2014); Attorney, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2007–2014); Senior Manager for Tax Policy, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2013–2014); Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2014–2019). Appointed September 3, 2019.

Steven M. Bialick University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); private practice, Cohen and Bialick P.A. (1980–1984); private practice, Law Office of Steven Bialick (1984–present).

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

James E. LaFave Creighton University (B.A.); William Mitchell School of Law (J.D.); private practice, Amundson & Campbell; James E. LaFave Law Office; general counsel, ALC Financial Corporation. Appointed 2012.

Eric L. Lipman Union College (B.A.); George Washington University National Law Center (J.D.); Law Clerk to the Hon. Christine Odell Cook Miller, United States Claims Court (1989-1990); private practice (1990-1995); Legislative Assistant, Minnesota House of Representatives (1996); Political Director, Rod Grams for U.S. Senate (1996-1997); Research Consultant, Minnesota House of Representatives (1997-1998); Deputy Secretary of State, Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (1999-2000); private practice (2000-2004); State Representative, Minnesota House of Representatives (2001-2004); Acting General Counsel to the Governor, Office of Governor Pawlenty (2005); State Sex Offender Policy Coordinator, Office of Governor Pawlenty (2004-2006). Appointed 2006.

Kimberly Middendorf North Dakota State University (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*); Summer Law Clerk, Schwebel 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; Assistant Attorney General Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Appointed 2018.

James R. Mortenson University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); private practice (1995-1999); Due Process Specialist/Hearing Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Education (1999-2008); Administrative Law Judge, Office of State Superintendent of Education (2008-2013). Appointed 2014.

Ann C. O'Reilly University of Wisconsin (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); attorney / shareholder, LeVander, Gillen & Miller PA (1997-2012); referee, Hennepin County District Court (2011-2012). Appointed 2012.

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

LauraSue Schlatter Cornell University (B.A.); Brandeis University (M.F.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude & Order of the Coif); Legal Services Division Attorney, Minnesota Department of Revenue; Policy and Planning Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division; Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings. Appointed 2013.

Office of Administrative Hearings Workers' Compensation Judges

Kathleen Behounek Arizona State University (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); private practice, litigation, civil and workers' compensation. Appointed 1988.

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, University of Wisconsin Law School; University of Wisconsin Consumer Law Clinic; Peggy Browning Fellow - Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en La Lucha, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters; Cummins & Cummins LLP; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings. Appointed 2020.

Catherine A. Dallner University of South Florida; University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Associate Attorney, Gordon Miller O'Brien; Associate Attorney, Bobcosk, Locher, Neilson & Mannella. Appointed 1987.

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

Sandra J. Grove Carleton College; University of Minnesota Law School; Clerk, Southern

Minnesota Regional Legal Services (1984); Clerk, Third Judicial District (1985-1986); private practice, Miller & Neary (1986-1989), Mahoney, Dougherty & Mahoney (1989-1995), Castor, Klukas, Logren & Grove (1995-1996); Grove Law Office (1997-1999); Staff Attorney, Sentry Insurance Company (1999-2003); Staff Attorney, Liberty Mutual Group (2004-2013). Appointed 2013.

Grant Hartman University of Minnesota - Duluth; University of Minnesota Law School; Marshall & Hartman (1983-1987), private practice (1987-2016). Appointed 2016.

James K. Kohl Police Officer Standards & Training Certification, Hibbing; Minnesota State University - Mankato (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Legal Assistant / Insurance Claims Examiner (1986-1990); private practice (1993-2012). Appointed 2012.

Radd Kulseth North Dakota State University (B.A., 1999), William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2004); shareholder, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager, P.A. (2004-2018). Appointed 2018.

Cheryl M. LeClair-Sommer Northern Michigan University (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Thomas Lyons & Associates (1984-1986). Appointed 1987.

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. (2005-2018). Appointed 2018.

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

Lisa B. Pearson St. Olaf College (B.A.); Drake University (J.D.); staff attorney, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1996-1998); staff attorney, Conley & Borgeson (1998-1999); associate attorney, Erstad & Riemer, P.A. (1999-2004); attorney, League of Minnesota Cities, 2004-2005); associate attorney, Kelly R. Rodieck and Associates (2005-2018); adjunct professor, University of St Thomas (2003-present); adjunct professor, Hamline University School of Law (2012-present). Appointed 2018.

Assistant Chief Workers' Compensation Judge N. Ameer Pham Armstrong State University, Hamline University School of Law; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings; Associate Attorney, Fields Law Firm; Associate Attorney, Heacox, Hartman, Koshmrl, Cosgriff, Johnson, Lane & Feenstra, P.A. Appointed 2021.

Miriam P. Rykken Concordia College (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); high school instructor (1976-1978); Administrative Fellow, University of Minnesota Extension Service; Attorney, Aafedt, Forde, Gray, Monson & Hager P.A. (1987-1999); Judge, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1999-2011). Appointed 2011.

Kirsten M. Tate Hamline University (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D.); Attorney, Osterbauer Law Firm (2002-2012); Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell School of Law (2014-present). Appointed 2012.

Deputy Chief Judge Adam S. Wolkoff Boston University (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.), Gilmore, Aafedt, Ford, Anderson & Gray P.A. (1991-1998); Travelers Insurance Co. (1998-2002); private practice, Law Offices of Adam S. Wolkoff (2002-2008); Workers' Compensation Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2008-2017); Deputy Chief Judge, Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings (2017-current). Appointed 2008.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS**Office:** 405 Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155**Phone:** (651) 539-1210 **Website:** <http://mn.gov/workcomp/>**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; Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry.**Gary M. Hall** University of Minnesota (1979); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1982); Workers' Compensation Specialist / Attorney, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (1984-1991); Workers Compensation Judge, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry / Office of Administrative Hearings (1991-2011); Assistant Commissioner, Workers' Compensation, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (2001-2003, 2011-2012).**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.**David A Stofferahn** University of Minnesota (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1976); Attorney, Sieben, Grose, and Von Holtum. Appointed 2002.**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.**TAX COURT****Office:** Minnesota Judicial Center, Suite 245, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 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 Bradford Delapena** University of Pittsburgh (B.A., 1986); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1991); Assistant State Public Defender (1992-1999); 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 (2000-2007); private practice (2007-2012). Appointed November 30, 2012.**Jane Bowman** Macalester College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2008); Minnesota State Senate (2002-2007); Housing Justice Center; Hennepin County Attorney Civil Division (2012-end date). Appointed 2020.**Wendy Tien** University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1993); United States Department of Justice Civil Division (2000 - 2007); United States Department of Justice Executive Office for United States Trustees (2008 - 2016); Assistant Minnesota Attorney General (2016 - 2019). Appointed 2019.

JUDICIAL-RELATED AGENCIES

BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Office: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101

Phone: (651) 297-7100 **Website:** www.mbcle.state.mn.us

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

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Office: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101

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

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: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101

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

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: 1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul 55108

Phone: (651) 361-7171 **Fax:** (651) 603-6770 **Website:** <https://mn.gov/doc/about/pardon-board/>

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:** judicialstandards@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, Minnesota 55101

Phone: (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Website:** <http://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 55155

Phone: (651) 201-3400 **Website:** <https://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, Minnesota 55101**Phone:** (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Website:** <http://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 **Fax:** (651) 297-5757 **Website:** mn.gov/sentencing-guidelines/**E-mail:** 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 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:** G-27 Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155**Phone:** (651) 215-9467 **Website:** <https://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)

Minnesota in a Pandemic



The need to reduce the spread of COVID-19 led to an unprecedented effort to encourage Minnesotans, if they were able, to vote by absentee ballot. Public health experts agreed that fewer people congregating in polling places would mean less risk for the virus. Minnesotans responded with a dramatic increase in absentee voting—nearly 58% of ballots were cast using the absentee system for the 2020 general election, more than double the number in a typical year.

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