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Minnesota Supreme Court

In honor of SSG Sara Speiker, Army Reserve
Hometown: Prior Lake, Minnesota
Submitted by Maria Belden, November 4, 2008

In honor of my sister who serves for the country she loves. I am proud of her dedication to defending the rights of others and her passion to vote herself.

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

Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 297-7650 **Web site:** www.courts.state.mn.us

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 Statutues provides 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.

Functions: The chief justice of the supreme court is the administrative head of the judicial branch and supervises the work of all courts. A state court administrator, supreme court administrator and clerk of the appellate courts, and state law librarian are appointed by the court. The court has power and duties to promote effective utilization of judicial officers and conduct continuing study of the court system.

Salary: $160,579 chief justice; $145,981 associate justices

Commissioner of Supreme Court: Richard S. Slowes
State Court Administrator: Sue K. Dosal
Supreme Court Administrator and Clerk of Appellate Courts: Frederick K. Grittner
Court Communications Director: John Kostouros
State Law Librarian: Barbara L. Golden

In honor of Sgt E-5 Harry Sundeen, Army—Served in Vietnam
Hometown: Ramsey, Minnesota
Submitted by Claudia Sundeen, November 4, 2008

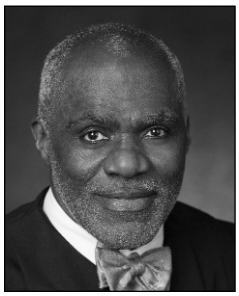
My husband served in the United States Army from March 6, 1968 to March 5, 1971. He was in Vietnam for one year of his tour. He retired early from his civilian job sixteen months ago. He had to retire because of medical problems he has from fighting for our country. He was wounded while he served in Vietnam. He is a purple heart recipient. For many years he would not talk about Vietnam at all because of the way he was treated. He joined the Disabled American Veterans Organization over ten years ago. Since that time he thrives on helping Veterans in any way he can. He is a volunteer driver for Anoka County. He drives Veterans and other people from our community (who can not drive) to their doctor appointments. His motto is:"Veterans helped me and now it is my turn to help them!" He is my forever hero! We have been married for forty years now and there isn't one day that goes by that I don't thank God I have him beside me! Thank you Harry for serving our country!!!! Thank you also to all Veterans who served our country no matter what your duty was!!!!

Chief Justice:

Eric J. Magnuson

Inver Grove Heights. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1976); clerk for Judges Robert Sheran and Douglas K. Amdahl (1976-77); partner, Rider Bennett (1977-2007); adjunct professor of law, William Mitchell College of Law and the University of St. Thomas School of Law; attorney and shareholder, Briggs and Morgan Law Firm (2007-08). Appointed chief justice June 2, 2008.

Associate Justices:



Alan C. Page (6)*

Minneapolis. University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1978); associate, Lindquist & Vennum (1979–84); special assistant attorney general (1985–87); assistant attorney general (1987–93); member, board of regents, University of Minnesota (1989–93); founder, Page Education Foundation (1988). Elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Paul H. Anderson (3)

Inver Grove Heights. Macalester College (B.A., cum laude with departmental honors in political science, 1965); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1968); VISTA volunteer attorney (1968–69); special assistant attorney general, criminal division and motor vehicle division, department of public safety (1970); associate (1971–75) and partner (1975–92) LeVander, Gillen & Miller; Independent School District No. 199, board member (1983–86) and chair (1984–86); member and chair, Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission (1991–92); chief judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1992–94). Appointed July 1, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Helen M. Meyer (2)

Edina. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); co-founded Pritzker & Meyer P.A. (1987–96); founded Meyer & Associates P.A. (1996–2002); 20 years civil litigation practice; member, Minnesota Judicial Selection Commission (1998–2002). Appointed June 6, 2002; elected 2004.

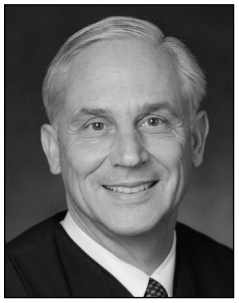
*Judges are listed in order of seniority; seat numbers are shown in parentheses.

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.

Lorie Skjerven Gildea (4)

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 (2004–2005); judge, Fourth Judicial District (2005–06). Appointed January 11, 2006; elected 2008.



Christopher J. Dietzen (5)

Bloomington. Gonzaga University (B.B.A., 1969); Gonzaga University School of Law (J.D., 1973); litigation attorney, Richter, Wimberly & Ericson (1973–77); litigation attorney and shareholder, Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren, Ltd. (1978–2004); certified as civil trial specialist by MN State Bar Assocation; member, Commission on Judicial Selection (2003-04); judge, MN Court of Appeals (2004-08). Appointed February 19, 2008.

In Honor of Robert Burns, U.S. Army Air Corps—Served in World War II
Hometown: Winona, Minnesota
Submitted by N. Jeanne Burns, September 25, 2008

My father, who died in early 2004, served the United States for four years during WWII: two years stateside and the final two in the Pacific arena, in the Army Air Corps. He was proud of his service to the country, and a proud Democrat.

My father took me to vote when he did, back when it was a curtained machine where you pulled levers to make your selection. I remember him holding me up and telling me which levers to pull and he let me pull the final lever that registered his vote.

These days, I'm an election judge and I think of my father every time I see someone bringing their child in to show them how to vote. And every time I vote, I think of my father.

MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 297-1000 **Website:** www.courts.state.mn.us

Jurisdiction: The Court of Appeals has jurisdiction over all final decisions from District Courts, state agencies and local governments with several exceptions. 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, has administrative authority for the court.

Salary: $144,429 chief judge; $137,552 judges

Chief Judge:

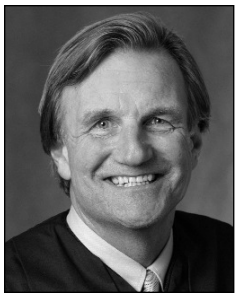
Edward Toussaint Jr. (1)*

Minneapolis. Chicago State University (B.A., 1964); DePaul University School of Law (J.D., 1974); Chicago public school teacher (1964–75); claim counsel, American Family Insurance (1975–81); workers' compensation judge (1981–87); judge, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1987–92); judge, Fourth Judicial District (1992–95); adjunct professor, evidence, William Mitchell College of Law; adjunct professor, evidence, University of St. Thomas College of Law; active in the Minnesota State Bar Association, executive committee; president, Council of Chief Judges of Courts of Appeal (1999), member of executive committee since 1996. Appointed March 13, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008; appointed chief judge 1995; reappointed 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007.

Judges:

Harriet Lansing (10)

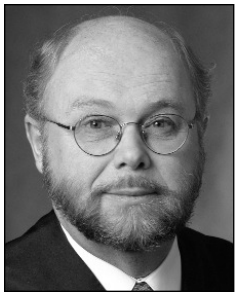
St. Paul. Macalester College (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1970); private practice (1973–76); city attorney for the City of St. Paul (1976–78); Ramsey County municipal judge (1978–83); adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law (1978-81); adjunct professor, Hamline University Law School (1990-92); chair, Board of Visitors, University of MN Law School (1988-91); adjunct professor, New York University Institute of Judicial Administration (2000-09); commissioner, Uniform Law Commission (1993-present), executive committee (2003-05), vice president (2007-09). Appointed November 1, 1983; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.



Thomas J. Kalitowski (8)

Hastings. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); special assistant attorney general (1973–75); assistant commissioner of agriculture (1975–77); chair, State Water Planning Board (1977–83); chair, Environmental Quality Board; assistant director, State Planning Agency (1983–84); commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (1984–87). Appointed November 16, 1987; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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



Roger M. Klaphake (9)

St. Cloud. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1963); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1966); Roger Nierengarten Law Office (1966–68); assistant Stearns County attorney (1966–72); Rinke, Klaphake & Noonan, Ltd. (1968–74); judicial officer (1974–75); county court, district court (1975–89). Appointed August 8, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Randolph W. Peterson (13)

Wyoming. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1976); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1979); Minnesota State Senate (1981–90). Appointed December 4, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Gordon W. Shumaker (12)

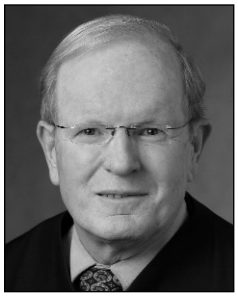
St. Paul. St. Thomas University (B.A., 1964); St. Thomas University (M.A., 1965); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1971); Meier, Kennedy & Quinn (1971–82); judge, Second Judicial District (1982–97); chief judge (1996–97). Appointed January 6, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks (7)

Edina. University of Colorado Boulder (B.A., 1971); University of California (Counseling Praticum, 1975–76); University of Colorado Boulder (M.A., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1985); Rider, Bennett LCC, associate attorney (1985–91), partner (1992–98). Appointed November 2, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Terri J. Stoneburner (16)

Little Canada. Hanover College (B.A., cum laude, 1967); United States Peace Corps (West Africa, 1968–70); University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 1975); United States VISTA volunteer, Alaska Human Rights Commission (1976–77); staff attorney, Alaska Human Rights Commission (1978–79); private practice, Mankato (1980–90); district court judge, Brown County (1990–2000). Appointed April 28, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.



David Minge (3)

St. Paul. St. Olaf College (B.A., 1964); University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1967); associate, Faegre & Benson, Minneapolis (1967–70); professor, University of Wyoming College of Law (1970–77); Fulbright lecturer, University of Helsinki (1976); private practice, Montevideo (1977–92); assistant Chippewa County attorney (1977–92); United States representative (1993–2001); fellowship Kellogg Foundation (2001–02) and Woodrow Wilson Center (2002). Appointed March 13, 2002; elected 2004.

Natalie E. Hudson (2)

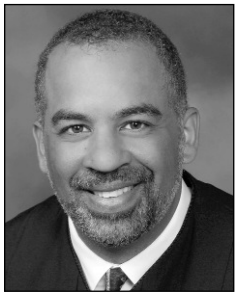
Roseville. Arizona State University Tempe (1979); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1982); staff attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. (1982–86); associate attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi (1986–88); assistant dean of student affairs, Hamline University School of Law (1989–92); St. Paul city attorney (1992–94); attorney, Minnesota attorney general's office (1994–2002). Appointed May 2, 2002; elected 2004.

Wilhelmina M. Wright (4)

St. Paul. Yale University (B.A., with honors, 1986); Harvard Law School (J.D., 1989); clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, for Judge Damon J. Keith; private practice, Hogan & Hartson, LLP, Washington, D.C.; assistant United States attorney for the District of Minnesota; trial judge, Second Judicial District. Appointed September 3, 2002; elected 2004.

Renee L. Worke (6)

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 April 6, 2005; elected 2006.



Kevin G. Ross (15)

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.

Heidi S. Schellhas (18)

Edina. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980; clerk, associate attorney and partner, Carlsen, Greiner & Law (1979-88); sole proprietor, Heidi S. Schellhas Law Offices (1988-89); founding partner, Rode, Lucas & Schellhas (1989-96); judge, Fourth Judicial District (1996-2007). Appointed January 1, 2008.

Francis J. Connelly (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); general counsel, Kraus-Anderson Realty, Co. (1994-98); judge, Fourth Judicial District (1998- 2007). Appointed January 1, 2008.

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.

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.

Larry B. Stauber Jr. (14)

Duluth. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., B.S., 1970); Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1977); infantry officer, United States Army (1971-74); public defender, Duluth (1978-2006); private practice (1977-82); senior attorney and managing partner, Stauber and Lien (1982-2008). Appointed August 29, 2008.

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. (2005-2008).
Appointed September 8, 2008.

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

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

In honor of John Faughender, Air Force—Served in World War II
Submitted by Paula Faughender, November 4, 2008
I'm voting this year in honor of my Dad. He taught us to vote for the person, not the party. And, he would have been thrilled to see the Democratic candidate for President this year—a black man running for President was Dad's goal for our country, and true equal rights for all of us, even though he was a white guy from South Dakota. He would say, "I won't see it in my lifetime, but hopefully you'll see it in your's." So Dad, this year I'm voting for the candidate of your dreams. I love you.

In honor of Arnold Servaty, U.S. Army—Served in World War II
Hometown: Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota
Submitted by Suzanne Bowman, October 21, 2008
Love you Dad and miss you! I know how much voting meant to you and I am honoring you.

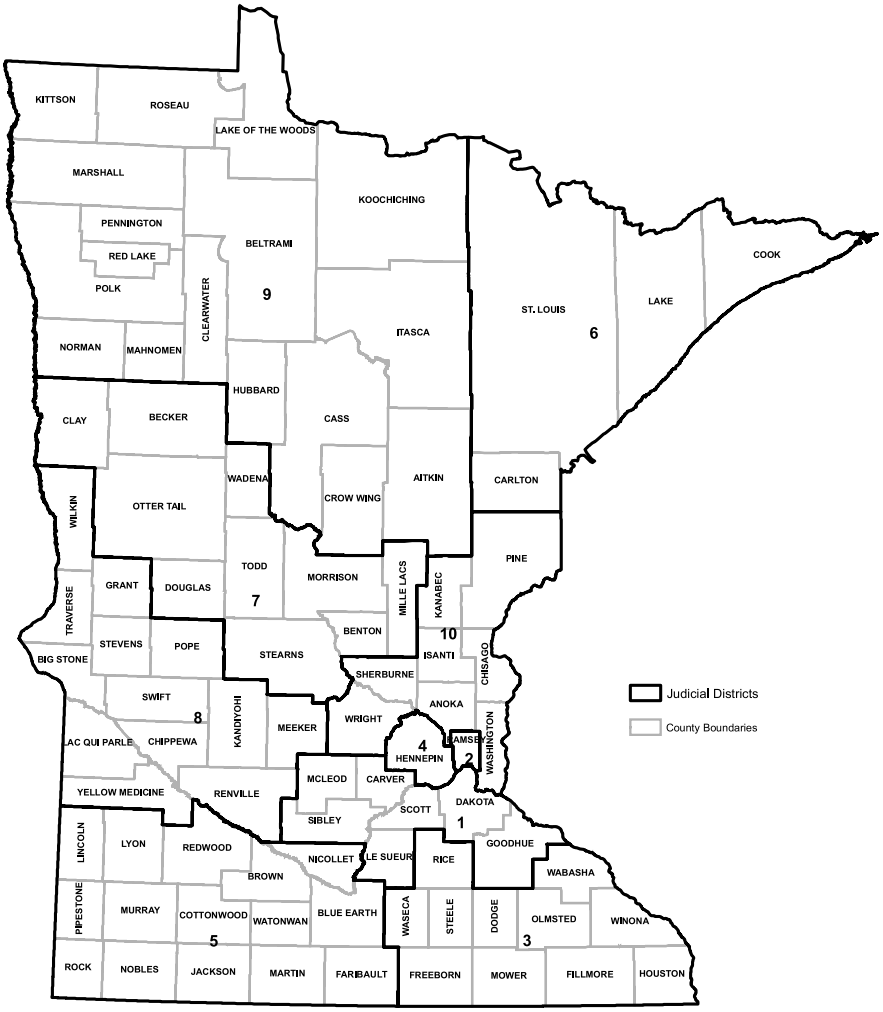
MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

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: $135,580 chief judges; $129,124 judges

Web site: www.mncourts.gov



Note: Judicial districts are comprised of whole counties.

Chapter Six State Judiciary

FIRST DISTRICT

District Administrator: Gerald J. Winter
Dakota County Judicial Center, 1560 Hwy. 55, Hastings 55033
Phone: (651) 438-4352 **Web site:** www.courts.state.mn.us/district/1

Judges:

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.

Karen J. Asphaug (28), Hastings. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1982); assistant Dakota County attorney (1982–95). Appointed June 29, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

M. Michael Baxter (4), Rosemount. College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1987); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1991); private practice (1991-2008); adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law (1995-2008). Appointed November 10, 2008.

Thomas W. Bibus (30), Red Wing. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970); College of St. Thomas (M.B.A., 1978); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1979); assistant Dakota County attorney (1980–84); private practice (1985–95); full-time public defender, First Judicial District (1995–98); deputy chief public defender, First Judicial District (1998–2000). Appointed July 10, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Timothy L. Blakely (8). Elected 1998, 2004.

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.

Robert F. Carolan (2), Mendota Heights. St. Mary's College (B.A., 1967); University of Iowa (J.D., 1970); special assistant attorney general, Minnesota attorney general's office (1970–74); assistant Dakota County attorney (1974–79); Dakota County attorney (1979–87). Appointed September 11, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Joseph T. Carter (32). 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.

Terrence E. Conkel (29), Glencoe. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1973); Creighton University (J.D., 1976); private practice (1976–98). Appointed August 28, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Kevin W. Eide (5), St. Olaf College (B.S., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice (1978–2001); lead prosecuting attorney, city of Eagan (1981–2001); assistant prosecuting attorney, city of Burnsville (1990–2001). Appointed February 15, 2001; elected 2002, 2008

Michael A. Fahey (27), Carver. St. John's University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1975); St. Louis University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1978); private practice (1978-87); Carver County Attorney (1987-2007); Appointed May 31, 2007; elected 2008.

Diane M. Hanson (10), Chaska. Kalamazoo College (B.A., 1973); University of Minnesota (J.D., cum laude, 1991); assistant Morrison County attorney (1992–96); assistant Scott County attorney (1996–2004). Appointed March 9, 2004; elected 2006.

Carol A. Hooten (1), Eagan. University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude, 1973); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–2002). Elected 2002, 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Philip T. Kanning (12), Shakopee. Valparaiso University (B.S., 1968); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (M.P.A., 1996); private practice (1974–84); Bush Leadership Fellow (1995–96); international co-director, Kosovo Judicial Institute (2003). Appointed May 5, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Robert R. King (13), Red Wing. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); private practice (1976–84); assistant Dakota County attorney (1984–94). Appointed May 31, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

David L. Knutson (6), Burnsville. 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.

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.

Assistant Chief Judge Edward I. Lynch (15), Inver Grove Heights. College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1973); private practice (1973–89). Appointed July 1, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Chief Judge William E. Macklin (18), Lakeville. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1968); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1975); clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court (1975–76); private practice (1976–98); MN House of Representatives (1989–98). Appointed May 5, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

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.

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

Thomas G. McCarthy (17), Winthrop. University of St. Thomas (B.A., cum laude, 1971); University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1974); attorney, city of Winthrop (1974–87); private practice (1974–88); Sibley County Attorney (1979–88). Appointed February 12, 1988; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

Kathryn D. 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.

Leslie M. Metzen (19), Sunfish Lake. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979). Appointed May 7, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

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 April 24, 2007.

Richard C. Perkins (21), Le Sueur. Mankato State University (B.S., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–94). Appointed February 24, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Thomas Poch (3), Lakeville. Macalester College (B.A., 1964); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1967); assistant Ramsey County attorney (1967–96); captain, general court-martial military judge, Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve; adjunct instructor, Naval Justice School, Army JAG School, Air Force JAG School. Appointed July 1, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Michael R. Savre (26). Luther College (B.A., cum laude, 1977); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1981); private practice (1981–2004). Appointed May 28, 2004; elected 2006.

Martha M. Simonett (9), Rosemount. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1979); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1984); private practice (1984–86). Appointed June 1, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

Michael V. Sovis (22), Burnsville. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1971); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1975); private practice (1975–88). Appointed June 1, 1988; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Richard G. Spicer (23), Mendota Heights. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1969); University of Kentucky (J.D, 1972); private practice (1972–90). Appointed January 4, 1991; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Rex D. Stacey (11), Hastings. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); private practice (1982–96). Appointed September 3, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

Patrice K. Sutherland (24), Inver Grove Heights. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); private practice (1980–90). Appointed July 1, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Mary J. Theisen (31), Eagan. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1980); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1984). Assistant Minnesota attorney general (1984–97); assistant Dakota County attorney (1997–2000). Appointed August 17, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

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.

SECOND DISTRICT

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Judges:

Diane R. Alshouse (29), St. Paul. Luther College (B.A., 1970); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1984); managing attorney, Ramsey County Public Defender's Office (1985–2005); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1997–98). Appointed September 1, 2005; elected 2006.

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.

Gary W. Bastian (11), Maplewood. University of Wisconsin River Falls (B.S., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); private practice (1987–91); Department of Labor & Industry (1991–97); commissioner, Department of Labor & Industry (1995–97); mayor, city of Maplewood (1991–97). Appointed November 25, 1997; elected 2000, 2006.

Gail Chang Bohr (21), St. Paul. Wellesley College (B.A., 1966); Simmons College School of Social Work (M.Sc. in Social Work, 1968); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1991); private practice (1992-95); Children's Law Center of Minnesota (1995-2008). Elected 2008.

James H. Clark Jr. (2), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); IBM Corporation (1973-79); Control Data (1979–89); private practice (1989–92). Appointed January 27, 1993; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Assistant Chief Judge Edward J. Cleary (1), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., magna cum laude, 1974); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1977); director, Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility and Client Security Board (1997–2002); private practice (1978–97); assistant public defender, Ramsey County (1980–1995). Appointed July 1, 2002; elected 2004.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Michael Talbot DeCourcy (5), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1968); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1972); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1972–75); assistant public defender, Ramsey County (1975–86); private practice (1975–91). Elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Marybeth Dorn (13), St. Paul. Bethel College, St. Paul (B.A., 1968); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1976); private practice (1978–87); referee, Hennepin County District Court (1987–2002). Appointed July 1, 2002; elected 2004.

Michael F. Fetsch (14), St. Paul. St. Paul Seminary (B.A., 1961); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1966); Legal Assistance of Ramsey County, Inc. (1968–73); Neighborhood Justice, Inc. (1973–75); private practice (1975–94); referee, Ramsey County District Court (1994-96). Appointed October 24, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

Paulette K. Flynn (9), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1974–84); private practice (1984–91). Appointed September 11, 1991; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin (10), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A. with honors, 1967); William Mitchell College of Law (1975); assistant Ramsey County attorney (1975–86). Elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

John H. Guthmann (26) St. Paul. Cornell College (B.A., 1976); William Michell College of Law (J.D., 1980); attorney, partner and managing partner, private practice (1981-2008). Appointed March 27, 2008.

David C. Higgs (18), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1978); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1981); private practice (1981–2002). Appointed May 20, 2002; elected 2004.

Gregg E. Johnson (12), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1983); Metropolitan Council (1974–84); public defender, Ramsey County (1984–92). Appointed October 1, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

William H. Leary III (27), St. Paul. University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice (1980–2002). Appointed May 20, 2002; elected 2004.

Dale B. Lindman (7), Shoreview. University of Minnesota (B.S.B., 1967); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1972); Minnesota Air National Guard (1968–74); private practice (1972–98). Appointed October 5, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Margaret M. Marrinan (15), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1972); private practice (1972–74); assistant Ramsey County attorney (1974–84); MSBA board of governors (1987). Elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

M. Michael Monahan (16), St. Paul. Georgetown University (A.B., 1964); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1967); U.S. Army (1967–69); private practice (1969–91). Appointed May 6, 1991; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

J. Thomas Mott (17), St. Paul. Austin State Junior College (A.A., 1970); University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); private practice (1976-88). Appointed March 18, 1988; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Rosanne Nathanson (4), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1968); Hamline University Law School (J.D., 1980); private practice (1980–2002). Appointed November 30, 2001; elected 2004.

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.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Salvador Miguel Rosas (20), St. Paul. DePaul University (1972); University of Minnesota Law School (1976); Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (1976–81); Centro Legal Inc. (1981–84); Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc. (1984–90). Appointed October 8, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Joanne M. Smith (23), Vadnais Heights. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., 1968; M.A., 1971); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); assistant public defender, Ramsey County (1979–83); municipal judge (1983–86). Appointed November 10, 1983; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

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.

Judith M. Tilsen (25), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1980); Hamline University Law School (J.D., 1989); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1990–98); public defender, Ramsey County (1996). Elected 1998, 2004.

John B. Van De North Jr. (6), St. Paul. St. John's University (B.A., 1967); Notre Dame University (J.D., 1970); U.S. Army (1971–73); assistant attorney general (1973–75); private practice (1975–98). Appointed October 7, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Teresa R. 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.

Steven D. Wheeler (8), St. Paul. Macalester College (B.A., 1966); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1970); private practice (1970–91); chief judge, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1991–2002). Appointed November 30, 2001; elected 2004.

Edward S. Wilson (24), St. Paul. Macalester College (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1974); Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis (1974–79); Neighborhood Justice Center (1979–87). Appointed September 1, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

THIRD DISTRICT

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Judges:

Lawrence E. Agerter (1), Kasson. Mankato State University (B.A., 1963); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1968); private practice (1968–76); Dodge County Attorney (1971–76). Appointed October 15, 1976; elected 1978, 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Assistant Chief Judge Robert R. Benson (19), Preston. Augsburg College (B.A., 1967); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1971); private practice (1972–96); Fillmore County Attorney (1975–96). Elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Robert Birnbaum (9), Rochester. Colby College (B.A., 1968); College of St. Thomas (M.A., 1974 & 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1982); clerk for Judge Edward D. Mulally (1982); private practice (MN, 1982–89 & 1993–98; New York, 1989–93). Appointed January 30, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Bernard E. Borene (2), Northfield. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1970); private practice (1971–84). Appointed April 2, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Nancy L. Bostrack (11), Winona. 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.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Joseph A. Bueltel (23), Owatonna. 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.

Joseph Frederick Chase (15), Rochester. 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.

John A. Chesterman (5), Albert Lea. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1964); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1969); Peace Corps (1964-65); private practice (1969–90); . Appointed May 23, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Casey J. Christian (6), Owatonna. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1982); U.S. Army M.P. (1972–74); private practice (1984–90); assistant Steele County attorney (1982–90). Appointed June 18, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Larry M. Collins (8), Waseca. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1972); Waseca County Attorney (1978-2005). Appointed November 10, 2005, elected 2008.

James A. Fabian (16), Caledonia. St. Mary's College (1977); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1980); Houston County Attorney (1988–99). Appointed December 6, 1999; elected 2002, 2008.

Debra A. Jacobson (10), Rochester. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); assistant Olmsted County attorney (1981–93). Appointed February 18, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Chief Judge William Andrew Johnson (12), Northfield. Michigan State University (B.A., 1967); Harvard Law School (J.D., 1972); county judge (1977–84). Appointed March 9, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Mary C. Leahy (7), Winona. 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.

Kevin Anthony Lund (14), Rochester. 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.

Thomas M. Neuville (22), Northfield. Michigan Tech University (B.S., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); private practice (1976-2008); assistant state public defender (1981-2000); Dundas city attorney (1990-2008); Minnesota State Senate (1990-2008). Appointed January 10, 2008.

Donald E. Rysavy (13), Austin. St. Mary's College, Winona (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); private practice (1973–95). Appointed September 29, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

Jeffrey D. Thompson (4), Winona. Carleton College (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1975); assistant Winona County attorney (1976–79 & 1986–89); private practice (1979–86); Rice County Attorney (1989–99). Appointed December 31, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Terrence M. Walters (17). University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); assistant Rochester city attorney (1976–79); private practice (1979–2003); part-time public defender (1988–2003). Appointed March 7, 2003; elected 2004.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Fred W. Wellmann (18), Austin. Mankato State University (B.S., 1967); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); private practice (1974–75, 1980–2000); assistant county attorney (1975–78); Mower County Attorney (1978–80). Appointed November 9, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Joseph F. Wieners (21), Rochester. College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); private practice (1974–89); Dodge County Attorney (1976–78, 1983–89). Appointed September 1, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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

FOURTH DISTRICT

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Judges:

Ronald L. Abrams (62), Minnetonka. University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude, 1974); Harvard Law School (J.D., 1977); private practice (1977–80); attorney and area manager, Group W. Cable Television, Minneapolis (1980–84); Minnesota House of Representatives (1989–2006). Appointed June 21, 2006; elected 2008.

H. Peter Albrecht (2), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1967; J.D., 1971); assistant state public defender (1971–72); private practice (1972–76); municipal judge (1977–84). Appointed January 1, 1977. Elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Stephen C. Aldrich (46), Minneapolis. Grinnell College, Iowa (1963); University of Minnesota Law School (1971); assistant counsel, Minnesota Senate (1972–73); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1973–75); private practice (1975–97). Elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Ann Leslie Alton (4), Plymouth. Smith College (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1970); assistant county attorney (1970–89). Appointed July 7, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

Patricia L. Belois (6), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1970); private practice (1971–73); public defender (1971–76); district court referee (1976–87). Appointed June 16, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Ivy S. Bernhardson (51), Bloomington. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1973); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1978); associate general counsel and corporate secretary, General Mills, Inc., (1977-2000); senior vice president and general counsel, Medica Health Plans, (2002); private practice (2002-04); vice president, chief legal officer, Hazelden Foundation (2004-2007). Appointed May 30, 2007; elected 2008.

Robert A. Blaeser (25), Eden Prairie. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1976); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1979); private practice (1979–95). Appointed August 21, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

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 (1993–95); assistant Hutchinson city attorney, chief of criminal prosecution (1995–96); assistant Carver County attorney (1996–99); private practice (1999–2006). Appointed June 9, 2006; elected 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Tanya M. Bransford (41), 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.

Kevin S. Burke (8), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude, 1972; J.D., 1975); assistant public defender (1975–79); private practice (1979–84). Appointed July 26, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Susan N. Burke (18), Minneapolis. Hanover College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1987); University of Virginia Law School (J.D., 1990); trial lawyer, civil division, U.S. Department of Justice (1992–94); U.S. Attorney's Office, criminal division, District of Minnesota (1994–2004). Elected 2004.

Phillip D. Bush (9), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.E.S., 1975); Sheffield University (M.A., 1977); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1980). Appointed July 7, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

Regina Chu (13), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., cum laude, 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); special assistant attorney general, Minnesota attorney general's office (1981–84); private practice (1985–2002). Appointed July 22, 2002; elected 2004.

Margaret "Peg" Daly (31), Edina. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981); associate attorney, private practice (1982–85); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1988–93); court referee, Fourth Judicial District (1993–2000). Appointed December 1, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Mel Dickstein (21), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., summa cum laude, 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); assistant U.S. attorney, district of Minnesota (1974–78); private practice (1978–2002). Appointed August 19, 2002; elected 2004.

David M. Duffy (16), Minneapolis. Villanova University (B.A., 1969; J.D., 1972); private practice (1975–77); assistant public defender, Hennepin County (1977–84); assistant public defender, Appellate Division (1984–87). Appointed August 3, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Mary Steenson Dufresne (11), Minneapolis. University of Wisconsin (B.S., 1967); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); assistant state public defender (1979–83); private practice (1983–96). Elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Tamara G. Garcia (7), Eden Prairie. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Uppsala Universitet, Juridiska Institutionen, Sweden (1985); University of MN 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.

Deborah Hedlund (22), Wayzata. University of Kansas (B.S., 1969); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1972); public defender (1972–73); city attorney (1974–80); municipal judge, family court (1980–87). Appointed November 1, 1980; elected 1982, 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

John L. Holahan Jr. (36), Edina. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); clerk, Hennepin County municipal court (1970–75); clerk, Hennepin County District Court (1970–75); private practice (1975–95). Appointed February 21, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

William R. Howard (23), St. Louis Park. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1968); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1971); assistant attorney general (1971–90). Appointed July 25, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

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Chapter Six State Judiciary

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.

Marilyn J. Kaman (24), Minneapolis. Vanderbilt University (B.A., 1970); University of Chicago (M.A., 1971); University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1978); assistant public defender (1984–90); adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law (1983–84); private practice (1979–82). Appointed January 12, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Fred Karasov (52), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1976); Northeastern University (M.S., 1978); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); senior deputy sheriff, Hennepin County (1978-82); senior attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1982-2008); adjunct faculty, William Mitchell College of Law (2007-present); Judge Advocate General, Minnesota Army National Guard (1988-present) Appointed March 10, 2008.

Patricia Kerr Karasov (44), Edina. University of Minnesota (B.F.A., 1974); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1985–94). Elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

William H. Koch (1), Orono. Duke University School of Engineering (B.S.C.E., 1985); George Washington University Law School (J.D., 1988); judge advocate, United States Air Force (1988-90); special assistant U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office (1988-90); area defense counsel, U.S. Air Force (1990-91); private practice (1991-2000); assistant U.S. Attorney (2000-07). Appointed May 30, 2007, elected 2008.

Gary Larson (29), Deephaven. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1964; J.D., cum laude, 1967); private practice (1968–75). Appointed March 18, 1985; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Herbert P. Lefler III (56), Edina. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); John Marshall Law School, Chicago (J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–95). Appointed January 4, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Tony N. Leung (15), Bloomington. Yale University (B.A., cum laude, 1982); New York University School of Law (J.D., 1985); private practice (1986–94). Appointed July 29, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Daniel H. Mabley (35), Minneapolis. Carleton College (B.A., 1971); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1974); private practice (1974); St. Paul city attorney (1975–78); Dakota County attorney (1978–80); Hennepin County attorney (1980–92). Appointed October 13, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Tanja K. Manrique (40), Tonka Bay. Cornell College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1988); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1991); private practice (1991–1995); deputy chief of staff, legal counsel, Office of the Governor (1995–98). Appointed December 31, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

George McGunnigle (14), Wayzata. Boston College (B.A., 1963); Georgetown University Law School (J.D., 1966); George Washington Law School (LL.M., 1967); prosecutor, defense counsel, appellate defense counsel, and military judge in U.S. Navy JAG Corps. (1968–71); assistant U.S. attorney (1971–72); private practice (1972–2000). Appointed December 5, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Anne K. McKeig (12), Brooklyn Park. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1989); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1992); assistant county attorney, Hennepin County (1992-2008). Appointed March 10, 2008.

John Q. McShane (48), Bloomington. University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1968); St. Louis University (J.D., cum laude, 1973); clerk, U.S. District Court (1973–75); private practice (1975–98). Appointed October 7, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

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.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

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

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.

Cara Lee T. Neville (55), St. Louis Park. William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); municipal court (1983). Appointed September 1, 1983; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Beryl A. Nord (38), Minneapolis. Macalester College (B.A., cum laude, 1970); University of Minnesota (J.D., cum laude, 1973); assistant city attorney (1974–83); municipal judge (1983–86). Appointed April 11, 1983; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Jack S. Nordby (33), Plymouth. Harvard University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1964); Harvard University Law School (LL.B., 1967); private practice (1968–95). Appointed March 3, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Bruce A. Peterson (50), Minneapolis. Cornell University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1972); Yale Law School (J.D., 1978); special assistant to the deputy assistant attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice (1979); assistant U.S. attorney, District of Columbia (1980); private practice (1987–99). Appointed April 26, 1999; elected 2000, 2006.

Charles A. Porter Jr. (42), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota Law School (1970); judge advocate, U.S. Air Force (1970-74); private practice (1974–80); municipal judge (1980–82); U.S. Navy Reserve. Appointed September 10, 1980; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Janet Nordell Poston (43), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1971; J.D., 1983); teacher (1971–80); clerk, Hennepin County District Court (1983–96); part-time referee, Hennepin County District Court (1990-96). Elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

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); private practice (1988–2006); conciliation court judge, Hennepin County (2005–06). Appointed October 2, 2006; elected 2008.

Jane Ranum (53). East Carolina University (B.S., 1969); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1979); elementary school teacher (1969-1976); Minnesota State Senate (1991-2006); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1982-2008). Elected 2008.

Jeannice M. Reding (57). University of Wisconsin Madison (B.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1990); private practice (1990–97); administrative law judge, Office of Administrative Hearings (1997–99); child support magistrate, Fourth Judicial District (1999–2004); referee, Fourth Judicial District (2004–2006). Appointed January 20, 2006; elected 2008.

Assistant Chief Judge Denise D. Reilly (17), Long Lake. College of Wooster (B.A., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1983); private practice (1985–89); assistant U.S. attorney (1989–97). Appointed November 12, 1997; elected 2000, 2006.

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.

Marilyn Brown Rosenbaum (45), Minnetonka. University of Illinois (B.S., 1966); Georgetown University Law Center (1969); civil rights (1969–72); Internal Revenue Service (1972–77); private practice (1977–92). Appointed July 21, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Warren Sagstuen (59), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1972); private practice (1973–75); senior assistant public defender, Hennepin County (1976–2000). Appointed November 1, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Richard S. Scherer (37), Edina. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., cum laude, 1968); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1975); teacher, Robbinsdale Senior High School (1968–72); private practice (1975–94). Appointed July 5, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Thomas M. Sipkins (3), Edina. Williams College (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); attorney, U.S. Renegotiation Board (1973-75); attorney, city of St. Paul (1975-77); attorney, partner and shareholder, private practice (1977-09). Appointed March 2, 2009.

Robert M. Small (61), Richfield. College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); staff attorney, office of district counsel, Veterans Administration (1975–81); assistant U.S. attorney, District of Minnesota (1981–2006). Appointed February 1, 2006; elected 2008.

John J. Sommerville (49), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1968; J.D., 1972); Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals (1972–74); private practice (1974–83); municipal judge (1983–86). Appointed November 23, 1983; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Chief Judge James T. Swenson (58), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 1972); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1976); private practice (1976–95). Appointed October 16, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Mark S. Wernick (41), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); Drake University of Law (J.D., 1975); assistant Hennepin County public defender (1975–77); private practice (1977–2002). Appointed November 4, 2002; elected 2004.

Lucy Ann Wieland (54), Minneapolis. Stanford University (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); assistant county attorney (1982–85); private practice (1985–90). Appointed July 25, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Lloyd Zimmerman (60), Minneapolis. University of Illinois Chicago (B.A., 1975); New York University Law School (J.D., 1978); lawyer, Legal Aid (1978–79); senior trial attorney, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (1979–2000). Appointed December 1, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

FIFTH DISTRICT

District Administrator: Richard H. Fasnacht
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Phone: (507) 388-5204 **Web site:** www.courts.state.mn.us/district/5

Judges:

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.

Leland Bush (9), Marshall. Southwest Minnesota State University (1973); University of Minnesota Law School (1976); private practice (1976–2002). Appointed April 26, 2002; elected 2004.

Timothy K. Connell (2), Luverne. St. John's University (1971); William Mitchell College of Law (1976); private practice (1976–87); Rock County Attorney (1976–86). Appointed June 30, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

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.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Jeffrey L. Flynn (4), Worthington. St. John's University (1971); William Mitchell College of Law (1975); private practice (1975–84). Appointed June 1, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Bruce F. Gross (5), Windom. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1968); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice (1977–89); Cottonwood County Attorney (1979–89). Appointed July 31, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

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.

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.

David W. Peterson (12), Redwood Falls. St. John's University (B.S., 1972); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1975); assistant Polk and Lyon County attorney (1977–83); Lyon County Attorney (1983–90). Appointed May 2, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Chief Judge Douglas L. Richards (13), Blue Earth. Hamline University (1974); William Mitchell College of Law (1978); private practice (1978); Blue Earth city attorney (1978); assistant Faribault County attorney (1990). Appointed March 6, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

John R. Rodenberg (15), New Ulm. St. Olaf College (B.A., 1979); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1981); staff attorney, Social Security Administration (1981–82); private practice (1982–2000); assistant county attorney (1982–2000). Appointed October 27, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Norbert P. Smith (14), Mankato. Mankato State University (B.S., 1972); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1975); U.S. Army (1967–69); private practice (1975–92). Appointed April 10, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Linda S. Titus (16), Jackson. Morningside College (B.A., 1969); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–90); assistant city attorney (1978–84); Jackson County Attorney (1988–89). Appointed March 1, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Assistant Chief Judge Bradley C. Walker (11), North Mankato. Gustavus Adolphus College (1970); University of Minnesota Law School (1973); U.S. Marine Corps (1973–77); private practice (1977–98). Appointed July 15, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Robert D. Walker (17), Fairmont. Gustavus Adolphus College (1971); William Mitchell College of Law (1975); private practice (1975–89). Appointed April 3, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Todd Westphal (8). Minnesota State University Mankato (B.A., 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1989–2005); assistant Nicollet County attorney (1989–2005). Appointed November 16, 2005, elected 2008.

SIXTH DISTRICT

District Administrator: Mary L. Helf
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Judges:

David E. Ackerson (1), Hibbing. Hibbing Community College (1969); St. Thomas College (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1976); private practice (1976–81). Appointed January 4, 1982; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Terrence M. Aronson (2), Virginia. St. John's University (B.A., 1970); St. Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1973); staff attorney, Urban Coalition (1974–1976); staff counsel, Helping Industry Resolve Employment Disabilities (1976–1977); private practice (1977–1982, 1988–2001); staff attorney, Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota (1982–1988). Appointed February 1, 2002; elected 2004.

John DeSanto (16), Duluth. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., 1968); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); assistant St. Louis County attorney (1973-2008); faculty member, Bemidji State University Honorable James E. Preece Trial Advocacy School (1982-2001); attorney, private practice. Appointed July 6, 2009.

Shaun R. Floerke (8), Duluth. University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1992); prosecutor, Steele County attorney's office (1992–1996); private practice (1992–1997); assistant St. Louis County attorney (1997–2004). Appointed July 30, 2004; elected 2006.

Chief Judge James B. Florey (5), Eveleth. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., 1978); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1981); assistant St. Louis County attorney (1985–99). Appointed January 22, 1999; elected 2000, 2006.

Eric 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.

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.

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.

Gerald C. Martin (6), Duluth. Princeton University (B.A., 1966); Yale Law School (LL.D., 1969); legal aid attorney. Appointed December 27, 1978; elected 1980, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Mark A. Munger (14), Duluth. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., cum laude, 1978); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1981); private practice (1981–99); Proctor city attorney (1984–98). Elected 1998, 2004.

Gary J. Pagliaccetti (7), Mountain Iron. St. John's University (B.A., 1976); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1979); assistant county attorney (1980–83); private practice (1984–88). Appointed June 30, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Kenneth A. Sandvik (11), Two Harbors. University of Minnesota Duluth (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota (J.D., cum laude, 1973); private practice (1973–75, 1978–84); judicial officer (1975–78). Appointed November 16, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Mark M. Starr (10), Hibbing. University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1978); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1981); clerk, Sixth Judicial District (1982–83); Matonich and Persson (1983–88); assistant St. Louis County attorney (1988–2004). Appointed March 5, 2004; elected 2006.

Assistant Chief Judge Heather L. Sweetland (13), Duluth. Mankato State College (B.S.T., cum laude, 1974); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota (1982); private practice (1982–95); assistant public defender, Sixth Judicial District (1982–95). Appointed February 2, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

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 Sciler (1986-2003); private practice (2003-07). Appointed March 1, 2007; elected 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Dale A. Wolf (15), Wrenshall. University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.A., magna cum laude, 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1974); private practice (1974–78). Appointed July 19, 1982; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

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Judges:

Douglas Anderson (23), Little Falls. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 1975); private practice (1975-2007). Appointed January 1, 2008.

Steven Anderson (26), Milaca. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975; J.D., 1979); private practice (1979–2006). Appointed February 17, 2006, elected 2008.

David R. Battey (5), Alexandria. University of South Dakota (B.A., magna cum laude, 1975); Willamette University (J.D., 1978); law clerk to Judge Donald D. Alsop, U.S. District Court (1978–80); private practice (1980–95). Appointed April 17, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Lisa Borgen (18), Moorhead. North Dakota State College of Science (L.P.N., 1982); Minnesota State University Moorhead (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1996); solo practitioner/contract attorney, Seventh Judicial District public defender's office (1997–99); Clay County Attorney (1999–2006). Appointed February 1, 2006; elected 2008.

Steven Cahill (27), Moorhead. Winona State College (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); private practice (1981–2006). Appointed February 21, 2006; elected 2008.

Jay 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.

Ann Carrott (13), Alexandria. Lawrence University (B.A., 1973); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1980); assistant Morrison County attorney (1981-84); Douglas County Attorney (1984-96); private practice (1997-2007). Appointed November 2, 2007, elected 2008.

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.

Joseph Evans (16), Detroit Lakes. University of Colorado (B.A., 1973); University of Washington Law School (J.D., 1976); assistant Becker County attorney (1976-1993); Becker County Attorney (1994-2007). Appointed November 19, 2007.

Conrad I. Freeberg (6), Little Falls. College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1968; M.A., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); clerk, Ramsey County Court (1977–81); private practice (1981–84); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1982); assistant Morrison County attorney (1984–87); Morrison County Attorney (1987–2006). Appointed December 15, 2006; elected 2008.

Frederick L. Grunke (8), St. Cloud. Wartburg College (B.A., 1975); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1978); Seventh Judicial District law clerk (1978-1979); private practice (1979-2007). Appointed March 8, 2007; elected 2008.

Mark Hansen (17), Fergus Falls. Macalester College (B.A., cum laude, 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1972); clerk, Eighth Judicial District (1972–74); assistant Wadena County attorney (1974-82); Wadena city attorney (1982-2006); private practice (1974–2006). Appointed August 24, 2006; elected 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Barbara Hanson (19), Fergus Falls. Fergus Falls Community College (A.A., 1975); Bemidji State University (B.S., 1977); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1984); assistant Otter Tail County attorney (1984–2005). Appointed May 5, 2005; elected 2006.

Elizabeth A. Hayden (7), St. Cloud. College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1968); Oklahoma City University School of Law (J.D., 1978); assistant county attorney. Appointed October 24, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

James W. Hoolihan (21), Foley. St. John's University (B.A., 1964); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1968); private practice, (1968–97). Appointed April 1, 1997; elected 1998, 2004.

Chief Judge Peter M. Irvine (3), Detroit Lakes. Cornell College (B.A., 1968); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1976); assistant Seventh District public defender (1976–2000); private practice (1976–2000). Appointed August 1, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Michael Jesse (24), Foley. Christopher Newport College of the College of William and Mary (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.

Michael L. Kirk (9), Moorhead. University of Minnesota (B.A.,1972; J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–78); Otter Tail County attorney (1978–89). Appointed December 1, 1989; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Thomas P. Knapp (11), St. Cloud. St. John's University (B.A., 1970); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1973); private practice (1973–95). Appointed September 25, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Frank J. Kundrat (4). St. Cloud. Case Western Reserve University (B.A., 1973); Cleveland-Marshall Law College (J.D., 1976); assistant prosecutor, city of Shaker Heights, OH (1976-78); assistant director of law (1978-81); chief counsel (1981-83); private practice (1983-2007). Appointed February 20, 2007, elected 2008.

Vicki E. Landwehr (10), St. Cloud. St. Cloud State University (B.A., 1975); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1978); private practice (1979–93). Appointed July 28, 1993; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Skipper J. Pearson (14), St. Cloud. St. Cloud State University (B.A., 1972); Hamline School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice (1978–90). Appointed May 1, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Sally Ireland Robertson (22), Wadena. Denison University (B.A., 1970); Miami University (M.A., 1972); University of New Mexico (J.D., 1979); attorney, Legal Services of South Dakota (1979–81); private practice (1981–96). Appointed March 29, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

Steven P. Ruble (15), Milaca. Gustavus Adolphus (B.A., 1968); Washington University (J.D., 1973); private practice (1974–86); assistant county attorney (1975–77). Appointed July 11, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Assistant Chief Judge John Scherer (25), St. Cloud. St. John's University (B.A., cum laude, 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1981); private practice (1981–2002). Appointed January 3, 2003; elected 2004.

Waldemar B. Senyk (12), Fergus Falls. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975; J.D., 1979); assistant Otter Tail County attorney (1979–89); Otter Tail County Attorney (1989–97). Appointed November 26, 1997; elected 2000, 2006.

Galen J. Vaa (23), Moorhead. Moorhead State College (B.A., 1970); University of South Dakota (J.D., 1974); assistant South Dakota attorney general (1974–75); private practice (1975–2000). Appointed January 18, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Paul E. Widick (20), St. Cloud. University of Kansas (B.A., 1967); University of Minnesota (M.A., 1972; Ph.D. candidate, 1973; J.D., 1980); clerk (1980–81); private practice (1981–89). Appointed November 8, 1989; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

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Judges:

Bruce W. Christopherson (3), Clarkfield. University of Minnesota (B.S.B., 1961); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1967); private practice (1967–86). Appointed October 31, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Assistant Chief Judge Steven E. Drange (2), Litchfield. Winona State University (B.S., 1968); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1974); Meeker County Attorney (1975–83); Litchfield city attorney (1984–95); private practice (1980–95). Appointed September 1, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Peter A. Hoff (5), Breckenridge. University of Minnesota (B.S., 1963; J.D., 1967); private practice (1967–94). Appointed October 28, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

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

Chief Judge Paul A. Nelson (10), Montevideo. Wartburg College (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–97). Appointed April 11, 1997; elected 1998, 2004.

Gerald J. Seibel (6), Morris. St. John's University (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–92). Appointed October 30, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Randall J. Slieter (7), Olivia. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1986); private practice (1986–94). Appointed May 20, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Kathryn N. Smith (1), Willmar. Iowa State University (B.S., 1972); University of Iowa (M.S., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1992); private practice (1992–1997). Appointed May 5, 1997; elected 1998, 2004.

Donald M. Spilseth (8), Willmar. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1974); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice (1978–93). Appointed July 15, 1993; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Jon Stafsholt (9), Glenwood. California Lutheran University (A.A.); University of Missouri (B.A., 1965; B.J., 1965); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1972); private practice (1972–83); Grant County Attorney (1979–83). Appointed June 20, 1983; elected 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Michael J. Thompson (4), Willmar. University of Montana (B.A., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); private practice (1981–86); assistant Meeker County attorney (1986–90); Meeker County Attorney (1990–2005). Appointed December 6, 2005; elected 2008.

NINTH DISTRICT

District Administrator: Paul W. Maatz
616 N.W. America Ave., Bemidji 56601
Phone: (218) 755-4500 **Web site:** www.mncourts.gov/district/9

Judges:

Donald J. Aandal (8), Warren. Moorhead State University (B.A., 1981); University of North Dakota (J.D., 1984); private practice (1984–88); assistant county attorney (1988); public defender (1988–2000). Appointed September 5, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

*Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

Chapter Six State Judiciary

Paul T. Benshoof (16), Bemidji. Carleton College (B.A., 1974); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1978); private practice (1978–97). Appointed April 7, 1997; elected 1998, 2004.

Kristine R. DeMay (23), Merrifield. 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.

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.

David F. Harrington (4), Walker. Bemidji State University (B.S., 1982); University of North Dakota Law School (J.D., 1992); staff attorney, Leech Lake Criminal and Juvenile Defense Corporation (1992–94); private practice (1992–94); defense counsel, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians (2000-03); general counsel, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians (1994–2003). Elected 2002, 2008.

John R. Hawkinson (5), Grand Rapids. University of Colorado (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–92). Elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

Michael J. Kraker (11), Mahnomen. St. John's University (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (1974); Mahnomen County attorney (1975–89). Appointed June 1, 1989; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Lois J. Lang (12), Grand Rapids. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1976; J.D., cum laude, 1979); private practice (1979–94). Appointed June 3, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Charles H. LeDuc II (6), International Falls. University of North Dakota (BSPA, 1975; J.D., 1979); private practice (1979–99); assistant public defender, Ninth Judicial District (1978–97). Appointed November 15, 1999; elected 2002, 2008.

John R. Leitner (13), Brainerd. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–78); Aitkin County attorney (1979–92). Appointed August 1, 1992; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

Assistant Chief Judge Kurt J. Marben (22), Thief River Falls. Bemidji State University (B.S., 1974); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1977); private practice (1977–2000). Appointed September 11, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Chief Judge Jon A. Maturi (9), Grand Rapids. University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1969); DePaul Law School (1977); private practice and assistant public defender (1977–96). Appointed July 1, 1996; elected 1998, 2004.

Earl E. Maus (2), St. Cloud State University (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); Cass County attorney (1986-2008). Appointed March 13, 2008.

John G. Melbye (7), Bemidji. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1992); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); clerk, Ninth Judicial District (2002–06, 1995–96). Elected 2006.

Paul E. Rasmussen (17), Bagley. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1981); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1984); private practice (1984–92); assistant Beltrami county attorney (1988-90); Clearwater County Attorney (1988–92). Elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

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.

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.

John P. Smith (19), Walker. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); Emory University (LL.M., 1987); private practice (1976–91). Appointed September 16, 1991; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

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John R. Solien (3), Aitkin. University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.A., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); assistant Aitkin County attorney (1980–85); private practice (1985–94). Appointed September 23, 1994; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

David J. Ten Eyck (21), Brainerd. Grinnell College (B.A., 1976); California Western School of Law (J.D., 1980); Legal Services, public defense, and private practice (1982–99); city attorney/prosecutor (1991–99); Minnesota State Senate (1996–99). Appointed October 1, 1999; elected 2002, 2008.

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.

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.

Richard Zimmerman (10), Brainerd. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1973); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); private practice (1980–97). Appointed November 5, 1997; elected 2000, 2006.

TENTH DISTRICT

District Administrator: Michael Moriarity
7533 Sunwood Dr. NW., Ste 306, Ramsey 55303
Phone: (763) 279-0179 **Web site:** www.mncourts.gov/district/10

Judges:

P. Hunter Anderson (2), Cambridge. University of Minnesota, Duluth (1964); William Mitchell College of Law (1969); private practice (1970–86). Appointed January 15, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Thomas G. Armstrong (3), Oakdale. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1967; J.D., 1970); U.S. Army JAG Corps (1971–74); U.S. Army Reserve, JAG Corps (1974–98); private practice (1974–80); Lake Elmo mayor (1977–80). Elected 1980, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Stephen J. Askew (4), Coon Rapids. St. John's University (1966); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1969); U.S. Army (1969–71); administration, Anoka County (1971–75); county attorneys' council (1975–80); special assistant attorney general (1980–83). Appointed November 21, 1983; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Chief Judge Timothy R. Bloomquist (6), Cambridge. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1969); University of Denver College of Law (J.D., 1972); private practice (1972–91); part-time assistant district public defender (1976–91). Appointed November 15, 1991; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

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 (2003-2008). Appointed January 2, 2009.

Michele A. Davis (18), Ramsey. 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.

James E. Dehn (10), Cambridge. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); special assistant attorney general (1976–78); assistant county attorney (1979); private practice (1980–87). Appointed June 26, 1987; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

B. William Ekstrum (24), Blaine. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice (1980–2005). Appointed December 13, 2005; elected 2008.

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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.

Tammi A. Fredrickson (22), Coon Rapids. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1987); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1992); private practice (1992–95); assistant Coon Rapids city attorney (1995–2005); Coon Rapids city attorney (2005–06). Appointed September 13, 2006; elected 2008.

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.

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 March 7, 2005; elected 2006.

Sharon L. Hall (17), Coon Rapids. College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1976); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice (1980-81, 1983-93); judicial law clerk (1981-83); assistant public defender (1983-86). Appointed July 23, 1993; elected 1994, 2000, 2006.

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

Karla F. Hancock (9). University of Minnesota (B.S., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); private practice (1981–84); assistant St. Paul city attorney (1984–87); senior assistant Hennepin County attorney (1987–2000). Appointed April 2, 2001; elected 2002, 2008.

Mary E. Hannon (41). College of St. Thomas (B.A., magna cum laude, 1982); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1986); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1987–2002). Appointed August 26, 2002; elected 2004.

Thomas D. Hayes (34), Big Lake. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1973); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1976); law department, Lutheran Brotherhood; private practice (1977–90); assistant public defender (1988–90); Sherburne County attorney (1991–95). Appointed September 29, 1995; elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Assistant Chief Judge John C. Hoffman (31), Princeton. University of Minnesota (B.S., with distinction, 1973); 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.

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

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.

Jonathan N. Jasper (43), Andover. Hamline University (B.A., 1984); Cornell Law School (J.D., 1987); private practice (1987–2005). Appointed October 20, 2005, elected 2008.

Lawrence R. Johnson (15). Drake University (1966-67); Rochester State Jr. College (1967–68); University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970; J.D., magna cum laude, 1975); private practice (1975–2001). Appointed April 2, 2001; elected 2002, 2008.

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.

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Nancy J. Logering (14). 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.

Ellen L. 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.

Elizabeth Hoene Martin (13), Stillwater. University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.S., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1980); private practice (1980–98). Appointed August 27, 1998; elected 2000, 2006.

Krista K. Martin (29). University of Minnesota (B.A., magna cum laude, 1987; J.D., cum laude, 1990); private practice (1990–91); managing and staff attorney, Legal Aid Service Northeastern Minnesota (1991–95); private practice (1995–97); assistant public defender part-time, Tenth Judicial District (1997–2001). Appointed November 16, 2001; elected 2004.

John R. McBride (8). University of Missouri (B.S., 1975); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice (1978–2003). Appointed January 31, 2003; elected 2004.

Douglas B. Meslow (15), Stillwater. 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 September 13, 2006; elected 2008.

Susan R. Miles (1), Scandia. University of Maryland (B.S., 1975); Catholic University of America (J.D., 1978); legal services (1978–82); special assistant attorney general (1982–85); Colorado attorney general's office (1985); private practice (1986–96). Elected 1996, 2002, 2008.

Dale E. Mossey (23), Clearwater. Grinnell College (B.A., 1968); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1973); private practice (1973–88). Appointed July 1, 1988; elected 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008.

Kathleen A. Mottl (11). University of Minnesota (B.S., 1987); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1989); private practice (1989–91); assistant Wright County attorney (1991–2005). Appointed March 7, 2005; elected 2006.

Alan F. Pendleton (36). Bemidji State University (B.S., 1977); Drake University School of Law (J.D., 1980); assistant Winona County attorney (1981–84); private practice (1986–88); assistant Anoka County attorney (1984–86, 1988–99). Appointed November 10, 1999; elected 2002, 2008.

Robert G. Rancourt (40). University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fl (B.A., president's honor roll, 1973); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1976); banking (1976–79); private practice (1979–2002). Appointed February 8, 2002; elected 2004.

James T. Reuter (37), Wyoming. St. Cloud State University (B.S., 1973); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1980); clerk, Ramsey County attorney's office (1978–81); assistant Chisago County attorney (1981–85); Chisago County attorney (1985–2000). Appointed August 1, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Michael Joseph Roith (27), Fridley. St. Thomas College (B.A., 1968); Aquinas Institute of Theology (M.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1977); assistant county attorney. Appointed October 12, 1984; elected 1986, 1992, 1998, 2004.

Gary R. Schurrer (28), Stillwater. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice and part-time assistant district public defender (1978–90). Appointed December 14, 1990; elected 1992, 1998, 2004.

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 13, 2006; elected 2008.

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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 for the Tenth Judicial District (1999-2004); self-employed attorney (1998-2008); prosecutor, city of Buffalo (2005-2008). Appointed December 31, 2008.

Robert B. Varco (39). University of Minnesota (B.A., 1970); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1974); attorney general's office (1974–75); part-time public defender, Tenth Judicial District; private practice (1981–2000). Appointed December 27, 2000; elected 2002, 2008.

Donald J. Venne (32), Coon Rapids. St. John's University (B.S., 1970); St. Thomas College (M.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1979); private practice. Appointed June 24, 1986; elected 1988, 1994, 2000, 2006.

Mary Yunker (33). 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.

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In honor of Warren Claypool, Air Force—Served in World War II
Hometown: Puposky, Minnesota
Submitted by Michael Claypool, October 31, 2008
This tribute is to my father who served in the U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS during WWII. He had flown many bombing missions over Germany while stationed in England until he was shot down and held prisoner of war for over a year in a German prisoner of war camp. As one of his three sons and many grandchildren who have served and are serving, I'm proud to say I do vote and always vote in honor of my Dad, Brothers, Nieces and Nephews who have served and are serving this great Nation...

In honor of LeRoy Ennis, US Navy—Served in World War II
Submitted by Kathy Hjelm, September 15, 2008
I would like to honor my father LeRoy Ennis. My father decided to leave school while in the 11th grade at the age of 17 and enlist in the Navy. In 1945 my father began a seven- year stint with the Navy. He was primarily stationed in Japan & China. My father was tasked with sweeping mines and at one point was stationed on a destroyer escort boat. After my father completed three years with the Navy he returned to high school and completed his senior year at the age of 21. After receiving his diploma he returned to the Navy for four more years. Another task my father performed while in the Navy was court reporting. At the end of his years of service he came back to California and helped discharge many others from the Navy as well as himself. My father also spoke of a layover in Hawaii in a troop ship outside of Pearl Harbor before it was hit. After my father's years of service he went to Mankato State University on the GI Bill and received a degree in Business and went onto be a hardware buyer for 35 years with FOK (Farewell Ozmun. Kirk & Co.) My father is very proud of his years of service to his country and also very proud of his four brothers and oldest son who served in the military.

In Honor of Lieutenant Wesley Becker, US Army—Served in WWII and Korea
Hometown: Rochester, Minnesota
Submitted by Brian Becker, October 3, 2008
To my late grandfather, Wesley Becker, who loved this country and his family; but most importantly, he loved the freedoms that he fought and bled for in his service of our great nation.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101
Phone: (651) 297-7100 **Web site:** 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
180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101
Phone: (651) 297-1800 **Web site:** 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
180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul 55101
Phone: (651) 297-1857 **Web site:** 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
1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul 55108
Phone: (651) 361-7178 **Fax:** (651) 603-6770
Law provides: The board may grant pardons, commutations, and pardons extraordinary to applicants. The board consists of the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the 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
2025 Centre Pointe Blvd., Suite 180, Mendota Heights 55120
Phone: (651) 296-3999 **E-mail:** judicial.standards@state.mn.us.
Law provides: The board of 10 lawyers, judges, and public members investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges, recommends judicial discipline to the supreme court, and issues public reprimands and private warnings. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Section 490.15)

CLIENT SECURITY BOARD
1500 Landmark Towers, 345 St. Peter St., St. Paul 55102
Phone: (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Web site:** www.courts.state.mn.us/csb/csb.html
Court rules provide: The board is established by the supreme court and funded by lawyers' registration fees. The board has five lawyer members and two nonlawyer members. The board reimburses 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, St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 296-0019 **Web site:** www.governor.state.mn.us
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 within one year of their swearing-in date.
(Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 480B)

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD
1500 Landmark Towers, 345 St. Peter St., St. Paul 55102
Phone: (651) 296-3952 **Toll-free:** (800) 657-3601 **Web site:** www.courts.state.mn.us/lprb
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
Capitol Office Bldg., 525 Park St., Suite 220, St. Paul 55103
Phone: (651) 296-0144 **Fax:** (651) 297-5757 **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)

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
600 N. Robert St., St. Paul 55101
Phone: (651) 361-7900 **Fax:** (651) 361-7936 **Web site:** www.oah.state.mn.us
Law provides: The office is responsible for overseeing the conduct of rule making and contested case hearings for state agencies pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, reviewing adopted agency rules, holding hearings for political subdivisions and workers' compensation trials pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law, issuing reports and orders, and preparing the record of the proceedings. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Chapters 14, 176)

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE (STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER)
331 S. 2nd. Ave., Suite 900, Minneapolis 55401
Phone: (612) 349-2565 **Web site:** 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, the office of state public defender, the judicial district public defenders, and the 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 PUBLIC DEFENDER APPEALS OFFICE
540 Fairview Ave. N., Suite 300, St. Paul, 55104
Phone: (651) 201-6700 **Fax:** 651-643-2148 **Web site:** www.pubdef.state.mn.us
Law provides: The state public defender has responsibility for criminal cases on appeal to the Minnesota supreme court and court of appeals, post-conviction proceedings in the district courts throughout the state and appeals from there, parole revocation proceedings for juveniles and adults, and community notification cases. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Section 611.25)

TAX COURT
Minnesota Judicial Center, Suite 245, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 296-2806 **Web site:** www.taxcourt.state.mn.us **E-mail:** 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)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS
405 Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155
Phone: (651) 296-6526 **Web site:** www.workerscomp.state.mn.us.
Law provides: The five-member court reviews all appealed questions of law and fact concerning workers' compensation claims. *(Minnesota Statutes,* Chapters 175A, 176)

In Honor of Senior Airman Joshua Salsbury, Air Force—Served in Iraq
Hometown: South St. Paul, Minnesota
Submitted by David Salsbury, October 31, 2008
I honor my son, Josh, and all veterans past, present and future. Josh joined, as he felt he wanted to make a difference and self improve. He wanted to make the world a little safer for his family.