Chapter Six

State Judiciary

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THE JUDICIARY IN MINNESOTA

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

MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner of Supreme Court: Timothy Droske
State Court Administrator: Jeff Shorba
Deputy State Court Administrator: Dawn Torgerson
Clerk of Appellate Courts: Christa Rutherford
Director of Communications and Public Affairs: Kim Pleticha
State Law Librarian: Liz Reppe

Front Row L to R: Justice G. Barry Anderson, Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea, Justice Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice

Lorie Skjerven Gildea


Associate Justices

G. Barry Anderson (1)


Natalie E. Hudson (6)


Judges are listed in order of seniority; seat numbers are shown in parentheses.
Margaret H. Chutich (2)


Anne K. McKeig (5)

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

Paul C. Thissen (4)


Gordon Moore (3)


Judges are listed in order of seniority; seat numbers are shown in parentheses.
MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

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

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

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

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

Chief Judge Susan Segal (7)
Fifth Congressional District

University of California, Berkeley (B.A.); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., cum laude); Minneapolis City Attorney; Susan Segal PLLC; Partner, Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A.; Senior Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney’s Office. Appointed November 25, 2019. Appointed Chief Judge May 1, 2020. Elected 2022.

Renee L. Worke (6)
First Congressional District


 Judges are listed in order of seniority; seat numbers are shown in parentheses.
Kevin G. Ross (15)
Third Congressional District
Minnetonka. University of Iowa (B.A.); University of Iowa (J.D., with high distinction and additional honors); Police Officer, Iowa City; Clerk, United States District Court, District of Minnesota, for Chief Judge Paul A. Magnuson; Clerk, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, for Judge Donald P. Lay; Private Practice, Greene Espel Law Firm (1997–2006). Appointed February 23, 2006. Elected 2008, 2014, 2020.

Francis J. Connolly (19)

Matthew E. Johnson (17)

Michelle A. Larkin (11)
Sixth Congressional District
Louise Dovre Bjorkman (5)

Denise D. Reilly (8)

Peter M. Reyes, Jr. (16)

Lucinda E. Jesson (2)
Tracy M. Smith (4)

Diane B. Bratvold (12)

Jeanne M. Cochran (13)

Randall J. Slieter (9)
Seventh Congressional District
Jeffrey M. Bryan (18)
University of Texas at Austin (B.A., highest honors); Yale Law School (J.D.). Law clerk, Honorable Paul A. Magnuson, U.S. District Court Judge; Associate Attorney; Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi; Assistant United States Attorney. Appointed May 4, 2020. Elected 2022.

Jennifer L. Frisch (10)
Fourth Congressional District

Theodora Karin Gaïtas (1)

Sarah I. Wheelock (3)
Second Congressional District
University of Iowa (B.A. with distinction and honors, J.D. with distinction and honors); Legal Counsel, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Prior Lake; Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law; Appellate Judge, White Earth Band of Chippewa Court of Appeals. Appointed January 10, 2022.
### CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT SINCE STATEHOOD

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<td>St. Paul</td>
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<td>Charles Loring</td>
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<td>Roger L. Dell</td>
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<td>Robert J. Sheran</td>
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<td>Douglas K. Amdahl</td>
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<td>Peter S. Popovich</td>
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### CHIEF JUDGES OF THE MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

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<td>Edward J. Cleary</td>
<td>St. Paul</td>
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<td>Susan Segal</td>
<td>Minneapolis</td>
<td>May 1, 2020</td>
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**MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT**

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

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

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

**Website:** [www.mncourts.gov](http://www.mncourts.gov)

Note: Judicial districts comprise whole counties.
**FIRST DISTRICT**

**District Administrator:** Brian E. Jones  
**Office:** 1620 South Frontage Rd., Suite 200, Hastings, MN 55033  
**Phone:** (651) 438-4352  
**Website:** www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/First-Judicial-District.aspx

The First Judicial District has 36 judges and more than 250 staff that handle over 120,000 cases annually in the counties of Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott, and Sibley.


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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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


Cynthia L. McCollum (13) University of Minnesota (B.A. 1980); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1985); Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender Associate (1985–1996); Senior Attorney (1996–2014); William Mitchell College of Law Adjunct Professor (1987-Present); Hamline Law School Adjunct Professor (2003-Present); N.I.T. A. Programs Faculty (Texas, Colorado, Minnesota); Appointed October 20, 2014. Elected 2016, 2022.


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


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

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

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


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


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


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

District Administrator: Heather M. Kendall
Office: Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., Room 1700, St. Paul, MN 55102
Phone: (651) 266-8266
Website: www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Second-Judicial-District.aspx

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

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


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


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


JaPaul Harris (24) Syracuse University (B.A., 2000); Hamline University (J.D. 2003); Staff Attorney, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; Minneapolis Public School District; Managing/Supervising Attorney, Mid Minnesota Legal Aid. Appointed July 11, 2018. Elected in 2020.

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


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

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


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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

**THIRD DISTRICT**

District Administrator: Shelley Ellefson  
Office: 1696 Greenview Dr. SW, Rochester, MN 55902  
Phone: (507) 722-7250 Website: www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Third-Judicial-District.aspx

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


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


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

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


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

Carol M. Hanks (8) Minnesota State University (B.A.); Mitchell Hamline College of Law (J.D.); Law Clerk to Judge Renee Worke (2004), Judge Casey Christian and Judge Joseph Bueltel (2005–06); Shareholder, Patton Hoversten and Berg, P.A. Appointed March 10, 2017. Elected 2018.


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


Mary Carroll Leahy (7) University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., 1984); Hamline University


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


FOURTH DISTRICT

District Administrator: Sara Gonsalves
Office: Hennepin County Govt. Ct., 300 South 6th Street, C-1251, Minneapolis, MN 55487
Phone: (612) 348-6000 Fax: (612) 348-2131
Website: www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Fourth-Judicial-District

The Fourth Judicial District includes only Hennepin County, which is made up of 45 cities (population: 1.2 million). It is the state’s largest trial court with 63 judges, 12 referees, and 582 staff who process approximately 40% of all cases filed in the state.


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

Anna Andow (8) University of Baylor (B.A.), University of Texas at Arlington (B.S.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Child Support Magistrate, Family Law Justice Center, Min-
Shereen M. Askalani (17) Minnesota State University - Mankato (B.A.); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 2002); Assistant Ramsey County Attorney - Criminal Division, Juvenile Division and Child Support Division (2002–2016); Mitchell Hamline Adjunct Professor. Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018.


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

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

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


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


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


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


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

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


Sarah E. Huddleston (33) Appointed May 1, 2023.


Mark J. Kappelhoff (48) St. John’s University (B.S., 1983); American University, Washington College of Law (J.D., 1988); Associate Clinical Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School; Special Counsel, Civil Rights Division, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Chief, Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Minnesota; Assistant Public Defender, Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Appointed July 1, 2016. Elected 2018.

Joseph R. Klein (26) University of Minnesota (B.A.,1982); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); Private Practice (1987–2009); Associate and Partner, Moss & Barnett,
William H. Koch  

Carolina A. Lamas  

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

Francis Magill  

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Nelson L. Peralta  

Jay M. Quam  

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Patrick D. Robben  
(59) Kansas State University (B.A., cum laude, 1995); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1998); Clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court (1998–99);


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

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


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

**Angela Willms** (63) University of Minnesota (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Hennepin County (2007–2009); Staff Attorney, Hennepin County Juvenile Court (2009–2013); District Court Referee, Hennepin County Juvenile Court (2013–2019).
Sydnee N. Woods (6) Loyola University of Chicago (B.A.); Tulane Law School (J.D.); Minnesota Department of Public Safety, General Counsel; Metropolitan Council, Associate General Counsel/Diversity Consultant; Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, Civil Litigation Meagher & Geer, PLLP, Litigation; Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Criminal; Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Major Felonies; Minnesota Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr., Law Clerk. Appointed January 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

Sydnee N. Woods (6) Loyola University of Chicago (B.A.); Tulane Law School (J.D.); Minnesota Department of Public Safety, General Counsel; Metropolitan Council, Associate General Counsel/Diversity Consultant; Minneapolis City Attorney’s Office, Civil Litigation Meagher & Geer, PLLP, Litigation; Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, Criminal; Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office, Major Felonies; Minnesota Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr., Law Clerk. Appointed January 4, 2019. Elected 2020.

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


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


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


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


SIXTH DISTRICT

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The Sixth Judicial District serves Minnesota's Arrowhead Region in Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis counties. The District Bench includes 16 District Court Judges who are chambered throughout the District. Each county seat in the district has a courthouse; St Louis County has two additional courthouses in Hibbing and Virginia.
Michelle M. Anderson (5) University of North Dakota (B.A.); University of North Dakota (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Sixth Judicial District, Hon. Gary J. Pagliacci; Associate Attorney, Prebich and Sullivan, P.C.; Assistant County Attorney, St. Louis County Attorney's Office; Range Division Head, St. Louis County Attorney's Office. Appointed September 6, 2017. Elected 2018.


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

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


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

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

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

State Judiciary

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

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


SEVENTH DISTRICT

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


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


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

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


Leah J. duCharme (23) Moorhead State University, (B.S., 2005); University of North Dakota School of Law, (J.D., Order of the Coif, 2007); Senior Shareholder/Attorney, Gjesdahl Law (2007-22); Federal Extern, United States District Court (2006); Appointed June 6, 2022.

Matthew E. Engelking (8) Evangel University (B.A., 1992, summa cum laude); Regent University Law School (J.D., 1995) Attorney/Clerk, Kosieradzki & Associates (1996-1997); Adjunct Instructor, American Political Systems / Communications Law, North Central


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


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

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


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

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

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

Matthew M. Quinn (10) St. Cloud State University (B.A., summa cum laude, 1995); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. with honors, 1999); Associate attorney; Barna, Guzy & Steffen (1999–2000); First Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney (2000–2003); Adjunct Professor, Aviation Law, St. Cloud State University (2008–12); Chief Deputy Stearns County Attorney (2003–17). Appointed September 14, 2017. Elected 2018.


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

Greta Smolnisky (2) Concordia College (B.A., summa cum laude, 1994); Hamline University School of Law (1999); District Court Referee, Seventh Judicial District, (2021–22); Minnesota Board of Public Defense (2004–21); Smolnisky & Kinney PC (2004–13); Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, (1999–2004); Appointed on July 6, 2022.


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

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

EIGHTH DISTRICT

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


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

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


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


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

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

**NINTH DISTRICT**

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

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


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

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

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


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

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

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


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

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

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


TENTH DISTRICT

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


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


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


**Bridgid E. Dowdal** (36) Boston University (B.A.); University of Aberdeen, Scotland (LL.M.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Justice Sandra Gardebring; Trial Attorney, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice; Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota; Dowdal & Dowdal, LLC; Assistant Dean, William Mitchell College of Law; Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Inspector General, Minnesota Department of Human Services. Appointed April 20, 2016. Elected 2018.

**Patrick W. Flanagan** (17) University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse (B.A., 1990); Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D., 1993); Heuer & Vandelist, Associate (1993-95); Custard Insurance Adjust-

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


Kristin C. Larson (45) Carleton College (B.A., cum laude, 1981); George Washington University National Law Center (J.D., 1984); Private Practice and Volunteer Attorney (1984–85);

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


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


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

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

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

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


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


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

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

Heather M. Wynn (37) Bethel College (B.A.); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.); Associate Attorney, Bjerke Law Offices; Solo Practitioner; Assistant Kanabec County Attorney. Appointed October 17, 2016. Elected 2018.
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Chief Judge Jenny L. Starr University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (B.A., summa cum laude); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude); Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2003-05); Attorney, Legal Assistance of Dakota County (2005-07); Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law (2007-2014); Attorney, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2007-14); Senior Manager for Tax Policy, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2013-14); Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2014-19). Appointed September 3, 2019.


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

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

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

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


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

Ann C. O’Reilly University of Wisconsin - Madison (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); Attorney, Shareholder, LeVander, Gillen & Miller PA (1997-2012); Volunteer Adjunct


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

Office of Administrative Hearings Workers’ Compensation Judges

Chief Judge Jenny L. Starr University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (B.A., summa cum laude); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude); Law Clerk, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2003-05); Attorney, Legal Assistance of Dakota County (2005-07); Adjunct Professor, Mitchell Hamline College of Law (2007-14); Attorney, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2007-14); Senior Manager for Tax Policy, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2013-14); Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue (2014-19). Appointed September 3, 2019.


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

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

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

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

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

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

Stephen R. Daly Macalester College; University of Minnesota Law School; Kampmeyer,

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


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

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


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


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

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

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

Nicole Surges University of Minnesota (B.A.); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.); Judicial Law Clerk, Tenth Judicial District; Staff Attorney, Minnesota Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals; Associate Attorney, Murane, Conlin, White & Brandt; Shareholder, Erstad & Riemer, P.A. Appointed 2021.
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS
Office: 405 Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 539-1210 Website: mn.gov/workcomp/ Email: wcca.mail@state.mn.us
Law provides: The five-member court reviews all appealed questions of law and fact concerning workers’ compensation claims. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 175A, 176)

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

David A Stofferahn University of Minnesota (B.A., 1969); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1976); Attorney, Sieben, Grose, and Von Holtum. Appointed 2002.

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


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

TAX COURT
Office: Minnesota Judicial Center, Suite 245, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: (651) 296-2806 Website: https://mn.gov/tax-court/
Email: info@taxcourt.state.mn.us
Law provides: The court, composed of three judges, is where taxpayers may file appeals related to any state or local tax, except for special assessments. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 271)


JUDICIAL-RELATED AGENCIES

BOARD OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
Office: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 297-7100 Website: www.cle.mn.gov
Law provides: The board oversees the administration of the mandatory continuing legal education requirement for attorneys.

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
Office: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 297-1857 Website: www.ble.mn.gov
Law provides: The board is responsible for overseeing the bar admission process in Minnesota. Board responsibilities include planning and overseeing administration of the Minnesota bar examination; overseeing the process through which bar applicants’ character and fitness is investigated and certifications of good character are issued; conducting hearings on character and fitness or other eligibility issues for denied bar applicants; reviewing and recommending amendments to the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar; and reviewing all bar admission policy and administrative matters. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 481.01)

BOARD OF LEGAL CERTIFICATION
Office: 180 East 5th St., Suite 950, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 297-1857 Website: www.blc.mn.gov
Law provides: The board is responsible for accrediting independent agencies to certify certain Minnesota attorneys as specialists. Attorneys certified as specialists in particular areas of law may advertise their specialties. Minnesota attorneys who are certified as specialists must provide evidence of substantial involvement in the specialty area, pass a written examination in the specialty area, and complete at least 20 hours of continuing legal education courses in the specialty area every three years.

BOARD OF PARDONS
Office: 1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: (651) 361-7171 Website: mn.gov/doc/about/pardon-board
Law provides: The board may grant pardons, commutations and pardons extraordinary to applicants. The board consists of the governor, chief justice of the Supreme Court and attorney general. It meets twice yearly, and the meetings are open to the public. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 638) The board sends applications by mail once eligibility requirements have been established.

BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS
Office: 1270 Northland Drive, Suite 160, Mendota Heights, MN 55120
Phone: (651) 296-3999 Website: www.bjs.state.mn.us E-mail: judicial.standards@state.mn.us.
Law provides: The board of 10 lawyers, judges and public members investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges, recommends judicial discipline to the Supreme Court, and issues public reprimands and private warnings. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 490.15)

CLIENT SECURITY BOARD
Office: 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2400, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 296-3952 Toll-free: (800) 657-3601 Website: csb.mncourts.gov/
Court rules provide: The board is established by the supreme court and funded by lawyers’ registration fees. The board’s five lawyer members and two non-lawyer members reimburse clients who suffer a loss of money or other property from the dishonesty of their attorneys.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION
Office of the Governor: 130 State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
Email: judicial.selection@state.mn.us
Website: mn.gov/governor/administration/judicialappointments/
Law provides: The commission meets to recommend candidates to district judge positions for unscheduled vacancies that occur. These vacancies occur prior to a judge’s elected term being completed. The members make their recommendations to the governor. The judges that are appointed must run for election at the next general election that occurs more than one year after the governor’s appointment. (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 480B)

LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD
Office: 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2400, St. Paul, MN 55101
Court rules provide: The board oversees the lawyers professional responsibility office, which investigates complaints of alleged lawyer misconduct and prosecutes disciplinary actions against lawyers.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION
Office: 658 Cedar Street, Suite G-58, Saint Paul, MN 55155
Phone: (651) 296-0144 Website: mn.gov/sentencing-guidelines/
Email: sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us
Law provides: The 11-member commission seeks to reduce the disparity in sentencing practices in regard to length of prison terms and to establish goals for sentence uniformity and proportionality. It is composed of jurists, attorneys in public service, law enforcement officials, correction officials and public members. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 244.09)

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE (STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER)
Office: 331 S. 2nd. Ave., Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: (612) 349-2565 Website: www.pubdef.state.mn.us
Law provides: The seven-member board approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, office of state public defender, judicial district public defenders and public defense corporations. The board approves standards for the offices of the state and district public defenders, and for the conduct of all appointed counsel systems as established by the state public defender. The board also appoints the state public defender and all judicial district public defenders. (Minnesota Statutes, Section 611.215)

STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD
Phone: (651) 215-9467 Website: mn.gov/guardian-ad-litem/
Law provides: The seven-member board creates and administers a statewide, independent guardian ad litem program to advocate for the best interests of children, minor parents, and incompetent adults in juvenile and family court. (Laws 2010, c 309 sec. 5)