

# Chapter Six

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### Voting Rights Act of 1965 - 50th Anniversary

*During the civil rights marches in Selma, Alabama, Minnesotans submitted letters to their local newspapers. Below are two examples of letters that ran in the Minneapolis Star on March 19 and March 20, 1965.*

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## THE JUDICIARY IN MINNESOTA

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

### MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

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

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

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

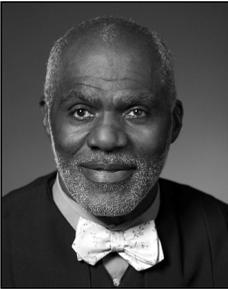
**Functions:** The chief justice of the Supreme Court is the administrative head of the judicial branch, supervises the work of all courts, and chairs the Minnesota Judicial Council, which is the single administrative policy-making body for the judicial branch. A state court administrator is appointed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

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

**Commissioner of Supreme Court:** Rita DeMeules  
**State Court Administrator:** Jeff Shorba  
**Acting Clerk of Appellate Courts:** Bridget Gernander  
**Court Communications Director:** John Kostouros  
**State Law Librarian:** Liz Reppe

**Chief Justice:****Lorie Skjerven Gildea**

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

**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, 2010.

**G. Barry Anderson (1)**

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

**Christopher J. Dietzen (5)**

Bloomington. Gonzaga University (B.B.A., 1969); Gonzaga University School of Law (J.D., 1973); litigation attorney and shareholder, Richter, Wimberly & Ericson (1973–77); litigation attorney and shareholder, Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren, Ltd. (1978–2004); certified as civil trial specialist by Minnesota State Bar Association; member, Commission on Judicial Selection (2003–04); judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2004–08). Appointed February 19, 2008; elected 2010.



**David R. Stras (4)**

Wayzata. University of Kansas (B.A., with highest distinction, 1995) (M.B.A., 1999); University of Kansas School of Law (J.D., 1999); clerked for U.S. Circuit Judges Melvin Brunetti and J. Michael Luttig; white-collar criminal and appellate litigation, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, Washington, D.C. (2001–02); clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas; Professor, University of Minnesota Law School (2004–10); co-director, Institute for Law and Politics, University of Minnesota (2004–10). Appointed July 1, 2010; elected 2012.



**Wilhelmina M. Wright (2)**

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; judge, Minnesota Court of Appeals (2002–12). Appointed September 27, 2012; elected 2014.



**David L. Lillehaug (3)**

Minneapolis. Augustana College (B.A. summa cum laude, 1976); Harvard Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1979); law clerk, U.S. District Court Judge Harry MacLaughlin (1979–81); firm litigation practice (1981–94); United States attorney, District of Minnesota (1994–98); solo litigation practice (2000–02); litigation practice, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. (2002–13). Appointed June 3, 2013; elected 2014.

## 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:** \$154,712 chief judge; \$147,346 judges



**Chief Judge: Edward J. Cleary (10)**  
 Fourth Congressional District

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 (1980–95); judge, Second Judicial District (2002–11). Appointed December 29, 2011. Elected 2014.



**Randolph W. Peterson (13)**  
 Sixth Congressional District

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, 2010.



**Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks (7)**  
 Fifth Congressional District

Edina. University of Colorado Boulder (B.A., 1971); University of California (Counseling Practicum, 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, 2012.

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



**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, 2010.



**Renee L. Worke (6)**

First Congressional District

Owatonna. Minnesota State University Mankato (B.S., magna cum laude, 1980); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1983); partner, Rietz, Rietz, Rietz & Worke (1984–96); assistant public defender, Third Judicial District (1984–96); administrative law judge, child support division, Office of Administrative Hearings (1994–96); judge, Third Judicial District (1996–2005). Appointed June 9, 2005; elected 2006, 2012.



**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.



**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; elected 2010.



**Francis J. Connolly (19)**

Minneapolis. Columbia University (B.A., 1980); Georgetown University (M.S., 1984); Georgetown University School of Law (J.D., 1984); trial attorney, U.S. Department of Justice honors program (1984–86); private practice, Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman (1986–87); private practice, Dorsey & Whitney (1987–92); special assistant Minneapolis city attorney (1989); associate general counsel, Kraus-Anderson Realty, Co. (1994–98); judge, Fourth Judicial District (1998–2007). Appointed January 1, 2008; elected 2010.



**Matthew E. Johnson (17)**

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



**Michelle Ann Larkin (11)**

Big Lake. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1988); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1992); attorney, Office of the Public Defender, Hennepin County (1992–2001); senior attorney and trial team supervisor, Office of the Public Defender, Hennepin County (2001–05); judge, Tenth District court (2005–08). Appointed July 14, 2008; elected 2010.



**Larry B. Stauber Jr. (14)**

Eighth Congressional District

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; elected 2010.



**Louise Dovre Bjorkman (5)**

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



**John R. Rodenberg (1)**

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); judge, Fifth Judicial District (2000–12). Appointed February 10, 2012. Elected 2014.



**Margaret H. Chutich (12)**

Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1980); University of Zagreb (1981); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1984); clerk, Honorable Diana E. Murphy (1984–86); private practice, Tanick & Heins (1986–89); private practice, Opperman Heins & Paquin (1989–91); deputy attorney general, executive counsel, assistant attorney general, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General (1992–94; 1996–2008); assistant United States attorney, District of Minnesota (1994–96); assistant dean, Humphrey School of Public Affairs (2009–11). Appointed February 16, 2012. Elected 2014.



**Carol A. Hooten (3)**

Second Congressional District

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



**Michael L. Kirk (9)**  
Seventh Congressional District

Moorhead. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1972; J.D., 1975); private practice (1975–78); Otter Tail County attorney (1978–89); judge, Seventh Judicial District (1989–2012). Appointed August 15, 2012. Elected 2014.



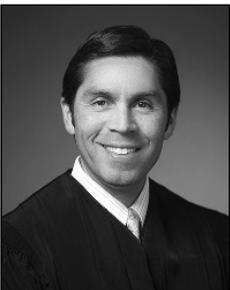
**John P. Smith (4)**

Walker. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1971); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1975); Emory University (LL.M., 1987); private practice (1976–91); judge, Ninth Judicial District (1991–2012). Appointed January 7, 2013. Elected 2014.



**Denise D. Reilly (8)**

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



**Peter M. Reyes, Jr. (16)**

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

## CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT SINCE STATEHOOD

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

## CHIEF JUDGES OF THE MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Post Office</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Peter S. Popovich	Chisholm	November 2, 1983
D. D. Wozniak	St. Paul	November 1987
Paul H. Anderson	Inver Grove Heights	September 1, 1992
Anne V. Simonett	St. Louis Park	July 1, 1994
Edward Toussaint Jr.	Minneapolis	March 13, 1995
Matthew E. Johnson	St. Paul	November 1, 2010
Edward J. Cleary	St. Paul	September 18, 2013

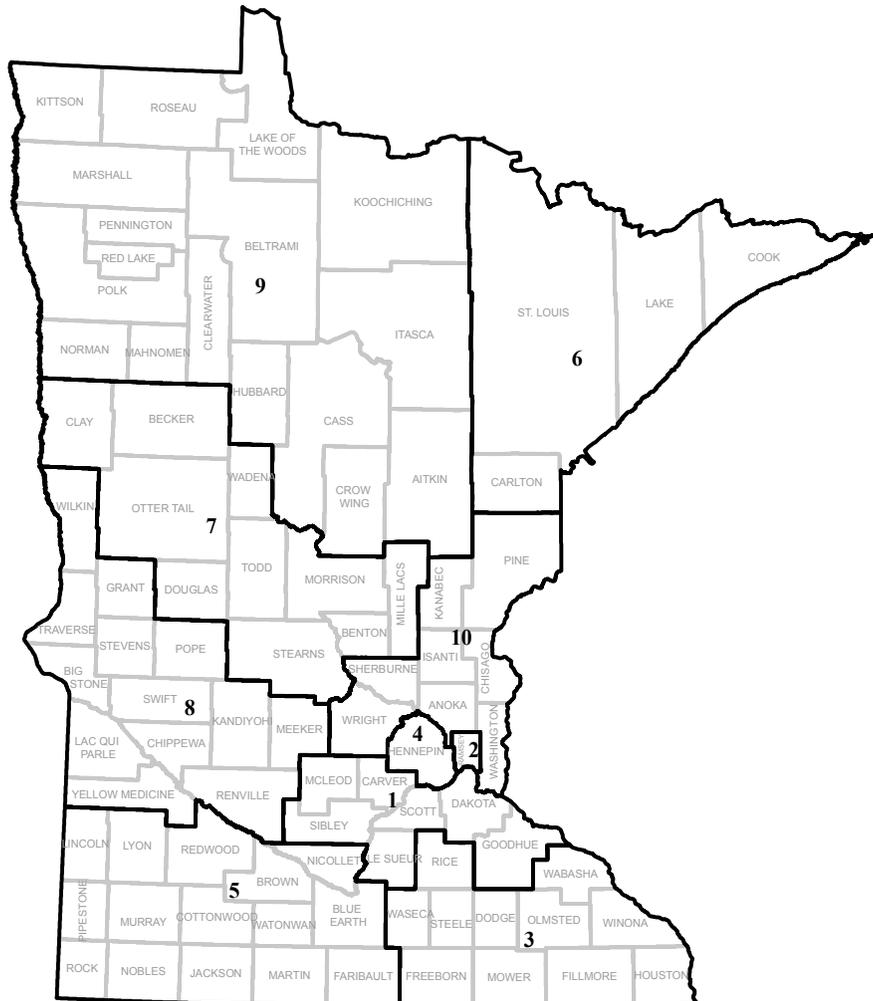
## MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

**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:** \$145,233 chief judges; \$138,318 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 #200, Hastings 55033

**Phone:** (651) 438-4352 **Website:** 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; elected 2010.

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

**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, 2014.

**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; elected 2010.

**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, 2014.

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

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

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

**Lawrence F. Clark** (8), Goodhue. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); private practice (1980–1989); Dakota County attorney's office. Elected 2010.

**Chief Judge 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, 2012.

**Kevin W. Eide** (5), Chaska. 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, 2012, 2014.

**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, 2014.

Seat numbers of judges are shown in parentheses.

**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, 2012.

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

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

**Christopher J. Lehmann** (23), Concordia College (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994). Associate, Grannis & Grannis (1994–1997); assistant city attorney, St. Paul (1997–1998); assistant public defender, First Judicial District (1999–2014); partner, Grannis & Lehmann (2012–2014). Appointed October 10, 2014.

**Caroline H. Lennon** (25), Mendota Heights. St. Olaf College (B.A., 1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1989); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1990–2008). Appointed November 3, 2008; elected 2010.

**Timothy J. Looby** (17), Bemidji State University (B.A.); University of Minnesota (J.D.); partner, Melchert Hubert Sjodin; Appointed October 17, 2014.

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

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

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

**Erica MacDonald** (19), Mendota Heights. University of Notre Dame (B.A., 1989); DePaul University College of Law (J.D., law review, Order of the Coif, 1997); judicial law clerk (1997–99); private practice (1999–2000); Assistant United States Attorney (2000–09). Appointed November 24, 2009; elected 2012.

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

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

**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; elected 2008, 2014.

**Ann M. Offermann** (1), St. Paul. Cornell College (B.A., 1991); University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 1994); assistant attorney general, state of Minnesota (1995–99); assistant attorney, Dakota County (1999–2012). Appointed October 5, 2012, 2014.

**Thomas W. Pugh** (3), South St. Paul. Dartmouth College (B.A., cum laude, 1971); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1976); attorney, Thuet, Lynch & Pugh (1976–89); commissioner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (2004–11); representative, minority leader, Minnesota House of Representatives (1989–2004; 1998–2003); attorney, Thuet, Pugh & Rogosheske (1989–2007); attorney, Rogosheske, Sieben, Atkins & Pugh (2007–11). Appointed December 14, 2011. Elected 2014.

**Michael R. Savre** (26), Glencoe. 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, 2012.

**Martha M. Simonett** (9), Rosemount. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1979); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1984); private practice; lawyer, partner Rider Bennett Egan & Arundel (1984–96). Appointed June 1, 1996; elected 1998, 2004, 2010.

**Rex D. Stacey** (11), Burnsville. 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, 2010.

**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, 2010.

**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, 2014.

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

**Michael D. Wentzell** (12), Carver. Concordia College: Moorhead (B.A., summa cum laude, 1995); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1998); associate attorney, Collins, Buckley, Sauntry & Haugh, P.L.L.P. (1998–2000); assistant county attorney, Carver County Attorney's Office (2000–10); chief deputy county attorney, Carver County attorney's Office (2011–13). Appointed January 31, 2013. Elected 2014.

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

**Christian Sean Wilton** (18), St. Paul. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); law clerk, special assistant attorney, assistant attorney, Ramsey County (1992–94; 1994–95; 1995–2002); assistant United States attorney, District of Minnesota (2002–12). Appointed September 27, 2012. Elected 2014.

## 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, 2012.

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

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

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

**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, 2012.

**Jeffrey Bryan** (17), St. Paul. University of Texas at Austin (B.A.); Yale Law School (J.D.); Law Clerk, Hon. Paul A. Magnuson, U.S. District Court; Associate Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi; Assistant United States Attorney. Appointed July 11, 2013, elected 2014.

**Leonardo Castro** (1), White Bear Township. University of Maryland (B.S., 1988); Northern Illinois University School of Law (J.D., 1992); United States Air Force (1981–89); Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1992–93); Riha Law Office (1992–93); Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1994–2001); Fourth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2001–08); Second Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2009–12). Appointed June 18, 2012. Elected 2014.

**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, 2012.

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

**Jennifer L. Frisch**, St. Paul. B.A. magna cum laude Macalester College (1992); J.D. cum laude University of Minnesota Law School (1995); Attorney, Kelly & Berens, P.A. (1995–2002); Senior Associate General Counsel, University of Minnesota (2003–2013). Appointed November 22, 2013.

**Thomas Arthur Gilligan, Jr.** (21), Arden Hills. University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A. 1986); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. 1989); Murnane Brandt (1990–2014). Appointed August 19, 2014.

**Sara R. Grewing** (9), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (Bachelor of Music, 1999); William Mitchell College of Law (cum laude, 2003) Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, 2003–2004, private practice (2004–05) Staff to Senator Amy Klobuchar (2005–2007) Chief of Staff to Mayor Coleman, St. Paul (2007–2010), Saint Paul City Attorney (2010–2014). Appointed January 15, 2015.

**John H. Guthmann** (26), St. Paul. Cornell College (B.A., 1976); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1980); attorney, partner and managing partner, private practice (1981–2008). Appointed March 27, 2008; elected 2010.

**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, 2010.

**Mark R. Ireland** (16), St. Paul. Southern Methodist University (B.A., 1996); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D. cum laude, 2000); assistant attorney general (2000–04; 2005–07); private practice (2004–05) supervising attorney, Housing Preservation Project (2007–10). Elected 2010.

**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, 2010.

**Lezlie Ott Marek** (5), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1980); University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1983); private practice (1983–2010); Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012.

**Margaret M. (Peg) Marrinan** (15), St. Paul. College of St. Catherine (B.A., 1984); 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, 2014.

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

April 22, 2010; elected 2012.

**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, 2010.

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

**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, 2010.

**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, 2010.

**Nicole J. Starr** (12), St. Paul. University of Minnesota (B.A. summa cum laude, 1999); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2003); Constitutional Court of South Africa (2003–04); Office of the Public Defender (2005–2014). Appointed January 15, 2015.

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

**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, 2010.

**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, 2012.

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

**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, 2012.

## THIRD DISTRICT

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### Judges:

**Assistant Chief Judge 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 (Minnesota, 1982–89 & 1993–98; New York, 1989–93). Appointed January 30, 1998; elected 2000, 2006, 2012.

**Nancy L. Buytendorp** (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; elected 2010.

**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, 2010.

**John T. Cajacob** (2), Faribault. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1974); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1978); private practice, (1978–2010); part-time state public defender (1988–2002). Appointed July 9, 2010; elected 2012.

**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, 2012.

**Karen R. Duncan** (6), Owatonna. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1988); assistant attorney, Rice County (1989–93); Olmsted County (1993–94); Benton County, Iowa (1994–99); associate attorney, Charnetski, Olson, Lacina and Garland (1999–2000); sole practitioner, Duncan Law Office (2000–01); assistant public defender, chief public defender, Third Judicial District (2000–07; 2008–13). Appointed March 1, 2013. Elected 2014.

**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, 2014.

**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, 2014.

**Debra Ann 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, 2012.

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

**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, 2014.

**Ross L. Leuning** (5), Owatonna. University of South Dakota (B.S., 1983); University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 1986); specialist 5, Army National Guard (1979–85); JAGC officer, captain, command judge advocate reserve, United States Navy (1986–89; 1986–2005; 2010–11); assistant professor, U.S. Naval Academy (1989–91); partner, Walbran, Furness & Leuning (1991–2007); senior assistant attorney, Olmsted County Attorney's Office (2007–10); U.S. Navy Reserve (1991–present). Appointed August 5, 2011; elected 2012.

**Christine A. Long** (12), Owatonna. Luther College (B.A., 1988); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1991); Hennepin County Attorney's Office (1990–91); private practice (1991–99); assistant Steele county attorney (1991–2010). Appointed June, 18, 2010. Elected 2012.

**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, 2014.

**Thomas M. Neville** (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; elected 2010.

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

**Steven R. Schwab** (3), Albert Lea. St. John's University (B.S., 1979); St. Louis University

School of Law (J.D., 1982); Albert Lea city attorney (1989–2008). Appointed August 29, 2008; elected 2010.

**Kevin H. Siefken** (18), Austin. University of Northern Iowa (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1995); private practice (1995–2014); part-time public defender (1996–2001). Appointed June 6, 2014.

**Christina K. Stevens** (1), Rochester. Minnesota State University, Moorhead (B.A., 1995); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1997); private practice (1998–2010); Third Judicial District Conciliation Court Referee (2009). Appointed October 21, 2010; elected 2012.

**Chief Judge 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, 2012.

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

**Terrence M. Walters** (17), Rochester. 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); presided over a hybrid DWI/Drug Court in Wabasha County since 2005. Appointed March 7, 2003; elected 2004, 2010.

**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, 2014.

## 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, 2014.

**Pamela G. Alexander** (25), Minneapolis. Augsburg College (B.A., 1974); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1977); Legal Rights Center (1975–80); assistant attorney, Hennepin County (1980–83). CEO/President, Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice (2008–13). Appointed March 1, 2013. Elected 2014.

**Jamie L. Anderson** (40), Minneapolis. University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1997); California Western School of Law (J.D., 2000); Minnesota House of Representatives (2003); legislative affairs director/attorney, Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (2003–05); private practice (2005–10). Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012.

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

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

**Bev Benson** (53), Plymouth, 1981 Augsburg College, cum laude (Political Science and Speech Communications); 1982 Graduate Studies, Luther Seminary; 1985–J.D., William Mitchell College of Law; 1986–89, Assistant Stearns County Attorney; 1989–2015, Violent Crimes

Prosecutor, Hennepin County Attorney's Office. Elected 2014.

**Assistant Chief Judge 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 (2004–07). Appointed May 30, 2007; elected 2008, 2014.

**Gina M. Brandt** (19), St. Bonifacius. College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1988); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); private practice; assistant Hutchinson city attorney, chief of criminal prosecution (1993–96); assistant Carver County attorney (1996–99); private practice (1999–2006). Appointed June 9, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

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

**Nancy E. Brasel** (29), Minneapolis. Trinity University (B.A., 1991); University of Texas: Austin (M.A., 1993); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1996); private practice (1997–2008); assistant U.S. attorney, District of Minnesota (2008–11); Appointed October 17, 2011; elected 2012.

**Diane B. Bratvold** (17), Champlin. Macalester College (B.A., summa cum laude, 1981); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1987); private practice (1987–2014). Adjunct faculty, University of St. Thomas School of Law (2002–present). Appointed, September 8, 2014.

**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, 2010.

**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, 2010.

**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, 2014.

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

**Hilary Lindell Caligiuri** (41), Minneapolis. University of Wisconsin–Madison (B.A. with Honors, 1993); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1996); assistant Minnesota attorney general, deputy Minnesota attorney general (1997–2004); assistant Hennepin County attorney, senior assistant Hennepin County attorney (2004–2014). Appointed September 8, 2014.

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

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

**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, 2010.

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

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

**Margaret A. (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, 2014.

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

**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, 2010.

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

**William Fisher** (11). Minneapolis. Tufts University (B.A. 1982); University of Chicago Law School (J.D. 1985); private practice (Gray Plant Mooty) (1985–2014); community faculty member, Metropolitan State University (1992–present); adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law (1999, 2010–present). Appointed September 8, 2014.

**Thomas Fraser** (36), Minneapolis. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1973); Harvard Law School (J.D. 1976). Law Clerk, U.S. District Judge Earl Larson, 1976–77; Special Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1977–79); private practice, 1979–2014. Appointed February 3, 2014.

**Tamara G. Garcia** (7), Eden Prairie. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1983); Uppsala Universitet, Juridiska Institutionen, Sweden (1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); attorney, MN Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (1987–89); private practice (1989–2008); hearing examiner (Judge), Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community (1995–2008); director, Board of Directors, State Fund Mutual Insurance Company, (2000–08); hearing examiner (Judge), AMERIND Risk Management Corporation (2007–08). Appointed April 7, 2008; elected 2010.

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

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

**Karen A. Janisch** (34), Minneapolis. College of St. Benedict (B.A., 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1992); associate attorney and partner, private practice

(1993–2003); general counsel, Office of the Minnesota Governor (2003–09). Appointed March 16, 2009; elected 2010.

**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, elected 2010.

**Joseph R. Klein** (26), Minnetonka. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1982); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1986); private practice (1987–2009); associate and partner, Moss & Barnett, P.A. (1987–2000); director of quality assurance, Medicinal Evaluations, Inc. (2000–03); staff counsel, Zurich insurance company (2003–06); staff counsel, Progressive Insurance Company (2006–09). Appointed September 8, 2009; elected 2010.

**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, 2014.

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

**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, 2014.

**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, 2012.

**Frank J. Magill** (2), St. Louis Park. Georgetown University (B.S.B.A., magna cum laude, 1981); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., magna cum laude, 1985); associate, Dorsey & Whitney (1985–90); assistant U.S. attorney, District of Minnesota (1990–2010). Appointed July 6, 2010; elected 2012.

**Bruce D. Manning** (60), Minneapolis. Carleton College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1996); University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2001); Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan (M.P.P., 2001); private practice (2001–2014). Appointed February 3, 2014.

**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; elected 2010.

**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, 2012.

**Kerry W. Meyer** (5), Minneapolis. Alma College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1987); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1990); assistant Hennepin County attorney (1992–2006). Appointed August 7, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

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

**Daniel C. Moreno** (20), Minneapolis. University of Wisconsin (B.A., 1986); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1990); assistant Hennepin County public defender (1991–2006). Appointed May 15, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

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

**Lyonel Norris** (49), Minneapolis. Carleton College (B.A., 1977); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1983); law clerk, Honorable Michael J. Davis (1983–85); private practice (1985–86); Disability Law Center (1987–89); instructor, Civil Practice Clinic University of Minnesota Law School (1989–90); assistant state public defender (1991–94); law clerk, Honorable Michael J. Davis (1994–95); federal state public defender (1995–2000); director, Office of Equity Minnesota Department of Education (2000–02); assistant federal defender (2002–11). Appointed August 8, 2011; elected 2012.

**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, 2012.

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

**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 November 4, 2000; elected 2002, 2008, 2014.

**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, 2014.

**Jeannice M. Reding** (57), Minneapolis. University of Wisconsin Madison (B.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1990); private practice (1990–97); administrative law judge, Office of Administrative Hearings (1997–99); child support magistrate, Fourth Judicial District (1999–2004); referee, Fourth Judicial District (2004–06). Appointed January 20, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

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

**Patrick D. Robben** (59), Minnetonka. Kansas State University (B.A., cum laude, 1995); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., magna cum laude, 1998); clerk, Minnesota Supreme Court (1998–99); private practice (1999–2009); general counsel, Office of the Governor (2009–10). Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012.

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

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

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

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

**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 (1977–2009). Appointed March 2, 2009; elected 2010.

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

**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, 2014.

**Mary R. Vasaly** (46), Edina. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1980); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1983); Minnesota State Public Defender (1983–84); private practice (1984–2010); adjunct professor, University of Minnesota Law School and University of St. Thomas School of Law. Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012.

**Edward Thomas Wahl** (55), Minneapolis. Northwestern University (B.A., 1978); University of Virginia (M.A., 1980); University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1983); clerkship (1983–85); private practice (1985–2012). Appointed May 30, 2012. Elected 2014.

## FIFTH DISTRICT

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### 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; elected 2010.

**Darci J. Bentz** (16), Fairmont. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1991); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1994); assistant public defender, Fifth Judicial District (1994–2014); managing attorney, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2000–2003); private practice (2003–2006). Appointed September 26, 2014.

**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, 2010.

**Assistant Chief Judge Michelle A. Dietrich** (6), Redwood Falls. Central University of Iowa, Pella (B.A., 1991); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1994); assistant county attorney (1995–97); Redwood County Attorney (1997–2008). Appointed August 15, 2008; elected 2010.

**Robert A. Docherty** (15), New Ulm. Creighton University: Omaha (B.A., 1983); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); judicial clerkship, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1987–89); staff attorney, Minnesota Court of Appeals (1989–95); private practice (1996–2001); assistant public defender, Fifth Judicial District (2001–11); managing attorney, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2011–12). Appointed August 17, 2012. Elected 2014.

**Krista J. Jass** (14), Blue Earth. Gustavus Adolphus College (B.A., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1993); assistant public defender, managing attorney and chief public defender, Fifth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1994–2010). Appointed December 30, 2010; elected 2012.

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

**Allison L. Krehbiel** (3), St. Peter. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); private practice (1992); assistant Minneapolis city attorney (1992–95); acting deputy Minneapolis city attorney (1995); assistant Minneapolis city attorney (1995–98); assistant public defender, Fifth Judicial District (1999–2002). Appointed March 22, 2002; elected 2004, 2010.

**Gordon L. Moore, III** (4), Worthington. Carleton College (B.A., 1985); University of Iowa (J.D., 1988); special assistant attorney general, Transportation and Employment divisions, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (1988–95); assistant Worthington city attorney (1995–2003); associate, Von Holtum, Malters & Shepherd (1995–2003); Nobles county attorney (2003–12). Appointed March 1, 2012. Elected 2014.

**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, 2014.

**Patrick Rohland** (12), Redwood Falls. Minnesota State University - Moorhead (B.A., 1995); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 2000); Fabyanske, Westra & Hart, P.A., Associate (2000–2004); assistant county attorney, Redwood County (2004–2008); county attorney, Redwood County (2008–2010); city attorney, Redwood Falls (2011–2013); Appointed September 9, 2013, elected 2014.

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

**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, 2012.

**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, 2014.

**Todd W. Westphal** (8), Saint Peter. Minnesota State University Mankato (B.A., 1983); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1989–2005); assistant Nicollet County attorney (1989–2005). Appointed November 16, 2005, elected 2008, 2014.

**Christina M. Wietzema** (5), Worthington. Concordia College: Moorhead (B.A., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1993); private practice (1993–97); assistant public defender, Fifth Judicial District (1995–2012). Appointed January 21, 2012. Elected 2014.

## SIXTH DISTRICT

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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, 2014.

**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 (1974–76); staff counsel, Helping

Industry Resolve Employment Disabilities (1976–77); private practice (1977–82; 1988–2001); staff attorney, Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota (1982–88). Appointed June 24, 2002; elected 2004, 2010.

**Leslie E. Beiers** (15), Duluth. University of North Dakota (B.A., magna cum laude, 1970; University of North Dakota (J.D., with distinction, 1983); Law clerk, Magistrate Patrick McNulty, United States District Court, 1983–1985; Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Northeastern Minnesota, 1985–1991; Assistant Carlton County Attorney, 1991–1995; Special Assistant United States Attorney, 2011–2014; Assistant St. Louis County Attorney (Juvenile, Criminal and Civil divisions), 1995–2014. Appointed June 27, 2014.

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

**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; elected 2010.

**Chief Judge 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 (1992–96); private practice (1992–97); assistant St. Louis County attorney (1997–2004). Appointed July 30, 2004; elected 2006, 2012.

**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, 2012.

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

**Eric L. Hylden** (9), Duluth. University of Minnesota, Duluth (B.A., B.A.A., 1984); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1987); attorney, associate and shareholder, private practice (1992–2007). Appointed March 2, 2007; elected 2008, 2014.

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

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

**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, 2010.

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

**Assistant Chief Judge 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, 2014.

**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, 2012.

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

## SEVENTH DISTRICT

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### Judges:

**Douglas P. Anderson** (28), 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; elected 2010.

**Steven Anderson** (26), Milaca. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1975; J.D., 1979); private practice (1979–2006). Appointed February 17, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**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, 2014.

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

**Steven J. Cahill** (27), Moorhead. Winona State College (B.A., 1972); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1976); private practice (1976–2006). Appointed February 21, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

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

**Assistant Chief Judge Ann L. 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, 2014.

**William J. Cashman** (20), St. Cloud. St. John's University (B.S., 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1987–2010). Appointed June 18, 2010. Elected 2012.

**Kris Davick-Halfen** (1), St. Cloud. Concordia College (B.A., 1981); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1985); assistant Wadena County attorney (1985–89); private practice (1985–86); assistant Morrison County attorney (1989–97); mediator/guardian ad litem/independent hearing officer (1998–2004); child support magistrate, Seventh Judicial District (1998–2004). Appointed November 18, 2004; elected 2006, 2012.

**Joseph A. 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; elected 2010.

**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 January 22, 2007; elected 2008, 2014.

**Michael D. Fritz** (18) St. John's University (BS 1988); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D. With Distinction 1993); part-time assistant Becker County Attorney & part-time private practice (1993-2002); full-time assistant Becker County Attorney (2002-2007); Becker County Attorney (2007-2014); Appointed February 19, 2014.

**Frederick L. Grunke** (8), St. Cloud. Wartburg College (B.A., magna cum laude, 1975); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1978); Seventh Judicial District law clerk (1978-1979); private practice (1979-2007). Appointed March 8, 2007; elected 2008, 2014.

**Mark F. 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, 2014.

**Barbara R. 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, 2012.

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

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

**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, 2014.

**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, 2012.

**Mary B. Mahler** (7), St. Cloud. University of Nevada (B.A., with distinction, 1991); Southwestern University School of Law (J.D., 1994); private practice (1995-2010). Appointed June 28, 2010. Elected 2012.

**Andrew Robert Pearson** (11), St. Cloud. St. John's University (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., cum laude 1998); assistant Stearns County public defender 1999-2007; private practice (2007-2013). Appointed November 1, 2013.

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

**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, 2010.

**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, 2010.

**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, 2012.

**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, 2014.

**Leonard A. Weiler** (14), Sartell. Moorhead State University (B.A., 1985); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); assistant district public defender, head law clerk, investigator, Ramsey County Public Defender's Office; managing attorney, 25 Assistant District Public Defender in Stearns, Morrison, Benton, Mille Lacs and Douglas counties; managing attorney, Seventh Judicial District Public Defender's Office. Appointed October 1, 2012. Elected 2014.

**Michelle Winkis Lawson** (9), Moorhead. Minnesota State University Moorhead (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1996); private practice, Gunhus Law Firm (1996–99); assistant attorney, Clay County (1999–2005) private practice, Vogel Law Firm (2005), chief assistant attorney, Clay County (2005–12). Appointed November 14, 2012. Elected 2014.

## EIGHTH DISTRICT

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### Judges:

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

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

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

**Rodney Clay Hanson** (9), Willmar. Concordia College (B.A. Magna Cum Laude 1982); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. 1985); private practice (1985–2013). Appointed September 10, 2013.

**Dwayne N. Knutsen** (3), Montevideo. University of South Dakota (B.A., 1973); University of Minnesota (J.D., 1985); private practice (1986–2010); Chippewa County Attorney (1999–2010). Appointed July 30, 2010; elected 2012.

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

**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, 2012.

**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, 2014.

**Chief Judge 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, 2012.

**Assistant Chief Judge 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, 2014.

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

## NINTH DISTRICT

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### Judges:

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

**Jana M. Austad** (19), Walker. Augsburg College (B.A., 1987); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1991); attorney, Kief, Fuller, Baer and Wallner, Ltd. (1990–97); managing attorney, Brainerd Regional Office of the Minnesota Public Defender (1997–1998; 2005–2013). Appointed June 14, 2013. Elected 2014.

**Assistant Chief Judge 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, 2010.

**Kristine R. DeMay** (23), Brainerd. Illinois State University (B.S., 1990); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); clerk, Seventh Judicial District; (1995–96); assistant city attorney, Brainerd (1996–97); private practice (1996–97); assistant Crow Wing county attorney (1997–2007). Appointed January 2, 2008; elected 2010.

**Donna K. Dixon** (20), Roseau. Washburn University (B.A., 1981; J.D., 1984); assistant municipal counsel and prosecutor, Olathe, Kansas (1987–94); assistant public defender, Ninth Judicial District (1997–2001); private practice (1994–2001). Appointed November 9, 2001; elected 2004, 2010.

**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, 2014.

**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, 2014.

**Charles H. (Chad) 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, 2014.

**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, 2014.

**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, 2010.

**Earl E. Maus** (2), Brainerd. St. Cloud State University (B.A., 1977); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1982); Cass County attorney (1986–2008). Appointed March 13, 2008; elected 2010.

**John G. Melbye** (7), Bemidji. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1992); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); clerk, Ninth Judicial District (1995–96; 2002–06). Elected 2006, 2012.

**Anne M. Rasmusson** (11), Mahanomen. St. Catherine University (B.A., 1996); Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (M.A., 1999); University of Minnesota School of Law (J.D., 1999); law clerk, associate attorney, Rust, Stock, Rasmusson, & Knutson, P.A. (1999–2003); partner, Rust, Stock, Rasmusson, & Knutson, P.A. (2003–13). Appointed June 14, 2013. Elected 2014.

**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, 2010.

**Jeffrey S. Remick** (18), Crookston. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1989); private practice (1989–2006). Appointed April 28, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**Eric P. Schieferdecker** (8), Warren. Minot State University (B.A., 1988); University of North Dakota (J.D., 1994); private practice (1995–1997); chief assistant and assistant Beltrami county attorney (1997–2005); assistant attorney general, Criminal Trial Division (2005–2014). Appointed May 30, 2014.

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

**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, 2014.

**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, 2014.

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

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

**Tamara L. Yon** (15), Crookston. Concordia College Moorhead (B.A., 1991); University of North Dakota Law School (J.D., 1994); private practice (1994–2006). Appointed April 7, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**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, 2012.

## TENTH DISTRICT

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### Judges:

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

**Amy R. Brosnahan** (2), Cambridge, Isanti County. William Mitchell College of Law (J.D.

summa cum laude 1999); San Francisco State University (CA Teaching Credential); University of California, Davis (B.A. 1983); Kanabec County Attorney (2007-2013); Assistant Kanabec County Attorney (2003-2006); Associate, Leonard Street and Deinard (1999-2002); Teacher (1985-1996). Appointed November 21, 2013.

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

**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; elected 2010.

**John P. Dehen** (27), Ramsey. Augustana College (B.A., 1984); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1987); private practice (1988-2010). Elected 2010.

**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, 2010.

**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, 2014.

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

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

**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 November 2, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**Gregory G. Galler** (38), Lake Elmo. Western Illinois University (B.A., 1983; M.A., 1985); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1987); private practice (1988-2001). Appointed January 4, 2001; elected 2002, elected 2008, 2014.

**Sean C. Gibbs** (25), Andover. Mercyhurst College (B.A., 1989); University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 1992); private practice (1992-93); assistant Coon Rapids city attorney (1994-95); assistant Anoka County attorney, criminal division (1995-2005). Appointed April 6, 2005; elected 2006, 2012.

**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, 2012.

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

**Mary E. Hannon** (41), Stillwater. 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, 2010.

**Sheridan K. Hawley** (9), Elk River. North Central University (B.A., 1988); University

of California Hastings College of Law (J.D., 1992); assistant attorney, Kanabec County Attorney's Office (1995–97); associate, Meshbesher & Associates (1997–98); Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (1998–2002); associate, Walling, Berg & Debele (2003–07); sole practitioner, Hawley Law & Mediation (2007–12). Appointed May 24, 2012.

**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, 2014.

**Stoney L. Hiljus** (6), Mora. Minnesota State University: Mankato (B.S., magna cum laude, 1992); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1995); law clerk, Honorable James R. Clifford (1995); legal services director, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (1995–97); chief deputy, Isanti County Attorney's Office (1997–2003); city administrator, City of Cambridge (2003–07); city attorney, City of Coon Rapids (2007–12). Appointed April 9, 2012.

**Chief Judge John C. Hoffman** (31), Stillwater. 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, 2010.

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

**Jenny Walker Jasper** (30), Andover. University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse (1984); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1987); assistant public defender, private practice (1987–94); chief public defender, Tenth Judicial District (1992–99); private practice (1999–2001). Appointed November 7, 2001; elected 2004, 2010.

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

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

**Lawrence R. Johnson** (15), Coon Rapids. 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, 2014.

**Walter M. Kaminsky** (39), Elk River. University of Illinois, Chicago (B.A. 1980); Valparaiso University School of Law (J.D. 1983); Assistant Mille Lacs County Attorney (1984–1988); Sherburne and Anoka County Public Defender (1990–1995); Terpstra, Black, Brandell, Kaminsky, & Hoffman (1989–1995); Sherburne County Attorney (1996–2002); Lindell and Lavoie (2003–2013). Appointed August 28, 2013. Elected 2014.

**Kristin C. Larson** (45), Lino Lakes. Carleton College (B.A., cum laude, 1981); George Washington University National Law Center (J.D., 1984); private practice and volunteer attorney (1984–85); executive director, attorney and volunteer attorney coordinator (1986–88); assistant Wright county attorney (1988–90); assistant Anoka county attorney (1990–2007). Appointed January 1, 2008; elected 2010.

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

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

**Krista K. Martin** (29), Pine City. University of Minnesota (B.A., magna cum laude, 1987; J.D., cum laude, 1990); private practice (1990–91); managing and staff attorney, Legal Aid Service Northeastern Minnesota (1991–95); private practice (1995–97); assistant public defender part-time, Tenth Judicial District (1997–2001). Appointed November 16, 2001; elected 2004, 2010.

**John R. McBride** (8), Forest Lake. University of Missouri (B.S., 1975); Hamline University School of Law (J.D., 1977); private practice (1978–2003). Appointed January 31, 2003; elected 2004, 2010.

**Catherine M. (Kate) McPherson** (23), Buffalo. University of St. Thomas (B.A., 1985); University of Minnesota (M.S.W., 1990); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); assistant attorney, Hennepin County (1990–99); assistant county attorney and head of operations, Anoka County Attorney's Office (1999–2011); adjunct professor, William Mitchell College of Law (2007–09); Appointed November 9, 2011. Elected 2014.

**Assistant Chief Judge Douglas B. Meslow** (5), 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 December 13, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**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, 2014.

**Kathleen A. Mottl** (11), Cokato. 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 14, 2005; elected 2006, 2012.

**Daniel A. O'Fallon** (4), Lino Lakes. University of Montana- Missoula (B.A., 1982); University of Michigan School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 1985); private practice (1986–2009). Appointed January 4, 2010; elected 2012.

**Alan F. Pendleton** (36), Blaine. 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, 2014.

**Robert G. Rancourt** (40), Lindstrom. 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, 2010.

**James T. (Jim) 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, 2014.

**Todd R. Schoffelman** (16), Andover. University of Wisconsin – Madison (B.A., 1991); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1994); Second Judicial District law clerk (1993–97); assistant Pine County attorney (1997–2000); reference attorney, West Publishing (2000); Assistant Bloomington city attorney (2000–02); assistant attorney, Sherburne County (2002–09). Appointed November 13, 2009; elected 2012.

**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, 2010.

**Elizabeth H. Strand** (32), Buffalo. University of Minnesota (B.A., 1992); William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1998); private practice (2002–12); public defender, Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office (2004–08); prosecuting attorney, Cities of Annandale and Buffalo, MN (2009–12). Appointed September 10, 2012. Elected 2014.

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

**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 26, 2006; elected 2008, 2014.

**Geoffrey W. Tenney** (42), Buffalo. St. John's University (B.A., 1993); University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1996); Tribal prosecutor (1996–98); part-time assistant public defender, Tenth Judicial District (1999–2004); private practice (1998–2008); prosecutor, city of Buffalo (2005–08). Appointed December 31, 2008; elected 2010.

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

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

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**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)

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**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.

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**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.

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**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)

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**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

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**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

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

### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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**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)

### SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

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**Phone:** (651) 296-0144 **Fax:** (651) 297-5757 **Website:** [www.msgc.state.mn.us](http://www.msgc.state.mn.us)

**E-mail:** [sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us](mailto:sentencing.guidelines@state.mn.us)

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

### STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE (STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER)

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

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

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

### STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BOARD

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

**Phone:** (651) 215-9467

**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)

### TAX COURT

**Office:** Minnesota Judicial Center, Suite 245, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul 55155

**Phone:** (651) 296-2806 **Website:** [www.taxcourt.state.mn.us](http://www.taxcourt.state.mn.us)

**Email:** [info@taxcourt.state.mn.us](mailto: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

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

**Phone:** (651) 539-1210 **Website:** [www.workerscomp.state.mn.us](http://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)