



Fourth Judicial District

Fourth Judicial District Judicial
Officers

Judge Michael E. Burns

Appointed/Elected:

Appointed by Governor Mark Dayton on Nov. 1, 2016. Elected in 2018 and 2024.

Education:

J.D., Mitchell Hamline School of Law
M.A., Hamline University
B.A., Brown University in Rhode Island

Past Employment:

- Assistant Hennepin County Attorney
- Adjunct professor, Hamline University
- Associate attorney, Halleland Lewis Nilan & Johnson, P.A.
- Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General
- Probation officer, Hennepin County Community Corrections

Professional and Community Activities:

- Race Director, Susan G. Komen of Minnesota Race for the Cure
- Board member, Mitchell Hamline University School of Law Alumni Association
- Member, Getting Word Project
- Former board member, Minneapolis Civilian Review Authority

Leadership:

Judge Burns currently serves as the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Fourth District's Criminal Division.

Assignment History:

- Criminal- Nov. 1, 2016-present

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