



Judge Karen A. Janisch

Appointed/Elected:

Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on Mar. 16, 2009. Elected in 2010, 2016, and 2022. Current term expires December 31, 2028.

Education:

J.D., magna cum laude, University of Minnesota Law School, 1992

B.A. in government, cum laude, College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, 1987

Employment:

General counsel to the Governor, 2003-2009

Partner (1999-2003) and associate attorney (1993-1998); Rider Bennett, Egan and Arundel law firm in Minneapolis

Judicial law clerk to Idaho State Supreme Court Justice Byron J. Johnson, 1992-1993

Professional Memberships:

Former member, Minnesota State Bar Association

Former member, Hennepin County Bar Association

Former member, National Governor's Association Legal Counsel

Former member, National Association of Extradition Officials

Former member, Minnesota Supreme Court Committee on Rules for the Board on Judicial Standards

Professional and Community Activities:

Minnesota Department of Health Pandemic Ethics Project

Rider Bennett United Way Fund Campaign Drive

Assignment History

Criminal, 2/2009-12/2010

Family, 1/2011-12/2013

Civil / Criminal, 12/30/13-Present

Civil Practice Pointers & Preferences

Fourth Judicial District

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