



Fourth Judicial District

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Officers

Judge Patrick D. Robben

Appointed/Elected:

Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on Dec. 30, 2010. Elected in 2012 and 2018. Current term expires Jan. 2025.

Education:

- J.D., magna cum laude, University of Minnesota Law School, 1998
- B.A. in political science, cum laude, Kansas State University, 1995

Employment:

- General Counsel to Governor Tim Pawlenty, 2009-10
- Associate attorney, Morrison Fenske & Sund, P.A., 2007-09
- Attorney & partner, Rider Bennett, LLP, 2005-07
- Associate attorney, Rider Bennett, LLP, 2000-05
- Associate attorney, Briggs & Morgan, P.A., 1999-2000
- Law clerk to Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Joan Ericksen Lancaster, 1998-99

Professional Memberships:

- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Hennepin County Law Library Board of Trustees
- Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court
- Former Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Ethics Board
- Former board member, Minnesota District Judges Association

Professional and Community Activities:

- Article published in Bench & Bar of Minnesota, *Vaccines and the Law*, August 10, 2015
- Former chair, Minnetonka Park Board
- Former member, Lake Minnetonka/Excelsior Rotary

Assignment History:

- Family, 2024 – Present
- Civil, May 2019 – 2024
- Family Presiding Judge, June 2016 – April 2019
- Family, Dec. 2011 – May 2016
- Criminal, Dec. 2010 - Nov. 2011

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