



Fourth Judicial District

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Officers

Judge Laura Thomas

Appointed/Elected:

Appointed July 6, 2020, by Governor Tim Walz. Elected November 8, 2022. Current term expires December 31, 2028.

Education:

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law

B.A., University of St. Thomas

Assignments:

Criminal, July 2020-April 2022

Family, May 2022-April 2025

Civil, May 2025-present

Past Employment:

- University of Minnesota Law School, 2007-2020
 - Director of Law Clinics, 2015-2020
 - Clinical Professor of Law, 2007 – 2020
- Solo Practitioner, 2002 – 2014
- Rider Bennett, Associate, 1999 – 2001
- Hanson Marek Bolkcom & Greene, Associate, 1997 - 1999
- Law clerk, Otter Tail County Judge Harlan Nelson and Otter Tail County Judge Thomas Stringer, 1996 - 1997

Professional Activities:

- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota District Judges Association
- Board Member, Minnesota District Judges Association (2024-present)
- Member, Child Advocacy in Family Court Committee, 2018 - 2019

Community Activities:

- Member, Minneapolis Uptown Rotary
- Volunteer, Joyce Food Shelf

Awards:

Stanley V. Kinyon Clinical Teacher of the Year, 2018, 2010

Publications:

Law in Practice (West Academic Publishing, 2014; 2d ed., 2018) with Prof. Prentiss Cox

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