

Public Attorneys on the Move

Michael Goodwin has recently joined the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Goodwin was formerly with the law firm of Jardine, Logan and O'Brien and previously served as a student liaison on the PLS Executive Council while he was a student at Hamline Law School.

News from the Bench



Governor Dayton appointed **Mark C. Vandelist** as District Court Judge in Minnesota's First Judicial District. Mr. Vandelist replaces the Honorable Edward I. Lynch, who retired earlier this year. The judgeship will be chambered at Le Center in Le Sueur County.

Mr. Vandelist was a trial attorney and partner at Vandelist & Vandelist, P.A., where he primarily handled personal injury cases and provided pro bono services in criminal areas. He previously served as a trial attorney at Heuer & Vandelist, P.A., and Cousineau McGuire Chartered. Mr. Vandelist earned his B.A. from American University in Washington, D.C. and his J.D. from the Hamline University School of Law.

Additionally, Mr. Vandelist is a certified civil trial specialist, served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and volunteers as coach for Lakeville North High School Mock Trial.

Mr. Vandelist resides with his family in Lakeville.

Minnesota's First Judicial District consists of Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, McLeod, Scott and Sibley Counties.

Governor Mark Dayton appointed **Marta M. Chou, Nicole A. Engisch, Thomas S. Fraser, Carolina A. Lamas** and **Bruce D. Manning** as District Court Judges in Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District. The appointees will be filling vacancies created upon the retirements earlier this year of the Honorable John L. Holahan, Jr., the Honorable William R. Howard, the Honorable Marilyn J. Kaman, the Honorable Richard S. Scherer and the Honorable Lloyd B. Zimmerman. These judgeships will be chambered at Minneapolis in Hennepin County in the Fourth Judicial District.



Marta M. Chou: Ms. Chou currently serves as counsel for the Litigation Department at Barnes & Thornburg, L.L.P., where she represents businesses and individuals in complex litigation matters. Previously, she was an associate at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P., and was an adjunct professor at the William Mitchell College of Law. Ms. Chou earned her B.A. from the Honors Program of the James Madison College at Michigan State University and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin School of Law.

Additionally, Ms. Chou is a member of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, serving as co-chair of its Professional Development Committee, and is a former chair of the Diversity Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association.



Nicole A. Engisch: Ms. Engisch is an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Criminal Division Chief at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, serving as a federal criminal prosecutor and senior manager. Previously, she was a shareholder and Board of Directors member at Leonard, Street and Deinard, where she litigated commercial and intellectual property disputes. Ms. Engisch earned her B.A. from Rutgers University and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Additionally, Ms. Engisch is a volunteer at a Catholic Charities Opportunity Center Branch and a former board member of the Volunteer Lawyers Network and the Harriet Tubman Center.



Thomas S. Fraser: Mr. Fraser is a shareholder at Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., where his caseload consists of general civil trials and practice as an arbitrator, mediator and special master. Previously, he was a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Solicitor General and Tort Claims Divisions of the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General. Mr. Fraser earned his B.A. from the University of Minnesota and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Additionally, Mr. Fraser currently serves as the chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the chair of the board for Call for Justice, L.L.C., and is a board member of the Council on Crime and Justice.



Carolina A. Lamas: Ms. Lamas currently serves as the Executive Director and Chief Attorney for the Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc., where she manages the

community-based non-profit while representing low-income persons charged with felonies, misdemeanors and probation violations. Previously, she was a Public Defender in Minnesota's Second Judicial District. Ms. Lamas earned her B.A. from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Additionally, Ms. Lamas is the Vice President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota and a former President of the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association.



Bruce D. Manning: Mr. Manning is Counsel at Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P., where he primarily practices in commercial civil litigation. Mr. Manning also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas Law School and is a trustee at the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School. Mr. Manning earned his B.A. from Carleton College, his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, and his Masters of Public Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

Additionally, Mr. Manning is a former member and vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the City of Minneapolis and is the former co-chair of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council.



Governor Dayton appointed **Jennifer L. Frisch** as District Court Judge in Minnesota's Second Judicial District. Ms. Frisch replaces the Honorable Kathleen R. Gearin, who retired earlier this year. The judgeship will be chambered at St. Paul in Ramsey County.

Ms. Frisch was the Senior Associate General Counsel for the University of Minnesota, handling civil litigation on behalf of the Regents of the University of Minnesota. Previously, she was an attorney at Kelly & Berens, P.A., where she practiced commercial litigation. Ms. Frisch earned her B.A. with honors from Macalester College and her J.D. with honors from the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Additionally, Ms. Frisch is a member of the Federal Practice Committee, the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the General Rules of Practice for District Courts and serves as an investigator for the Second Judicial District Ethics Committee. She is also a member of the Diversity Committee for the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, serves as an instructor at the University of Minnesota Law School and teaches English classes at Neighborhood House in Saint Paul.

Ms. Frisch resides with her family in Saint Paul.

Governor Dayton appointed **Suzanne Bollman** and **Amy R. Brosnahan** as District Court Judges in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District. Ms. Bollman replaces the Honorable Elizabeth H. Martin and Ms. Brosnahan replaces the Honorable P. Hunter Anderson, who both retired earlier this year. Ms. Bollman will be chambered at Center City in Chisago County while Ms. Brosnahan will be chambered at Cambridge in Isanti County.



Suzanne Bollman: Ms. Bollman served as an Assistant Sherburne County Attorney, where she was responsible for criminal prosecution, reviewing search warrants, advising law enforcement and law enforcement training. Previously, she was an Assistant Stearns County Attorney, an Assistant Benton County Attorney and an Assistant City Attorney for the City of St. Cloud. Ms. Bollman earned her B.A. from Saint Olaf College and her J.D. from the Hamline University School of Law.

Additionally, Ms. Bollman was a member of the Supreme Court Gender Fairness Implementation Committee and the City of Ramsey Public Safety Board, and served as a union negotiator and steward for AFCSME.

Ms. Bollman resides with her family in Ramsey, MN.



Amy R. Brosnahan: Ms. Brosnahan served as the Kanabec County Attorney, where her practice focused on serious felony criminal prosecution and serving as legal advisor for Kanabec County. Previously, she was the Assistant Kanabec County Attorney, and, prior to that, was an attorney at the law firm of Leonard, Street & Dienard, where she practiced intellectual property, products liability and construction litigation. Ms. Brosnahan earned her B.A. from the University of California, Davis, her J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law and her English Educational Teaching Credential from San Francisco State University.

Additionally, Ms. Brosnahan has served with the boards of the Methamphetamine Task Force/Substance Abuse Coalition of Kanabec County, the Paradise Theatre in Mora, MN and WINDOW Victim Services.

Ms. Brosnahan resides with her family in Knife Lake Township, MN.

Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District consists of Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington and Wright Counties.