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## **New Judicial District Administrator Appointed in Hennepin County**

### ***For Immediate Release***

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN (October 19, 2017)** – Jury summonses, warrants, extradition papers, and other court documents in Hennepin County will soon bear a new signature. Judges in Minnesota’s Fourth Judicial District have appointed Sarah Lindahl-Pfieffer as the judicial district administrator for Hennepin County District Court. The appointment was approved by the Minnesota Judicial Council on October 19, 2017.

Lindahl-Pfieffer will replace Kate Fogarty, who accepted a federal court position after three years as judicial district administrator in the Fourth Judicial District.

The [Honorable Ivy Bernhardson](#), chief judge of the Fourth Judicial District (Hennepin County), offered the following statement about the new administrator:

“Sarah is well prepared to take on the many challenges we have in the Fourth Judicial District, the largest trial court in the State. She is deeply committed to public service and our mission, and she exemplifies our core values of integrity, innovation, diversity, fostering positive relationships with justice stakeholders and optimizing resources. I look forward to working with her, our judges and court staff to achieve our vision of providing an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of justice.”

Lindahl-Pfieffer joined Hennepin County court administration in 2014. As deputy administrator of operations, her oversight included civil, probate, mental health, criminal, family, and juvenile courts; the Domestic Abuse Service Center, self-represented litigant services, centralized services, research and the business practice unit. She previously served as the senior manager of family and juvenile courts; the Domestic Abuse Service Center and the centralized services unit. Before joining the Fourth Judicial District, she served in various positions in the Tenth Judicial District. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Cloud State University.

As judicial district administrator, Lindahl-Pfieffer will oversee court administration staff in Hennepin County in support of a full range of court operations for the district court, including processing and management of all records and files of the court, as well as providing services to the public, other county offices, and the judiciary.

Lindahl-Pfieffer’s appointment is effective October 19, 2017.

For more information about the Fourth Judicial District serving Hennepin County, go to the Judicial Branch website at: <http://www.mncourts.gov/Find-Courts/Hennepin.aspx>

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