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Legislative and Court Update

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Governor Walz appoints the Honorable Susan Segal as Chief Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Today, Governor Tim Walz announced the appointment of the Honorable Susan Segal as Chief Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Judge Segal will serve the remainder of Chief Judge Edward J. Cleary’s term, which will expire on October 31, 2022. Judge Segal will be the second woman to serve as Chief Judge in the Court’s 36-year history.

“Judge Segal has not only risen to the challenge in her time on the Court of Appeals and as the Minneapolis City Attorney, she’s demonstrated her strengths as a creative problem solver, a mentor, and a passionate advocate for justice,” said Governor Walz. “She is a remarkable jurist and leader and it’s an honor to appoint her as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.”

“Judge Segal has led a distinguished career both in public service and the private sector,” said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. “In her many roles, she has been unshakably compassionate, innovative, and principled. She will make an excellent Chief Judge on the Court of Appeals.”

About Judge Segal: Judge Segal has served on the Court of Appeals since her appointment by Governor Walz in November 2019. Previously, Judge Segal served for twelve years as the Minneapolis City Attorney. In that position, she was responsible for all of the legal work of the City, including all litigation involving the City and its boards and commissions, and managing an office of 110 employees. Judge Segal was also responsible for managing criminal prosecutions of misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors committed by adults in Minneapolis, which involved over 15,000 cases per year, and initiated a number of innovative criminal justice reforms. Prior to becoming Minneapolis City Attorney, Judge Segal was a Senior Attorney at the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office, a partner at Gray Plant Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A., and practiced for several years in her own law firm.

Judge Segal earned her B.A. from the University of California – Berkeley, and her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan Law School.

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