

Ronnie Murray Appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced Thursday his appointment of Ronnie V. Murray II to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court – Branch 18. The appointment will fill the vacancy being created by Judge Pedro Colón’s appointment to the Court of Appeals – District I, effective Nov. 19, 2023. Murray will complete a term ending July 31, 2024.



“Ronnie Murray’s experiences both inside and outside the courtroom demonstrate his commitment to improving the justice system for everyone,” said Gov. Evers. “He will serve the people of Milwaukee County well as the newest circuit court judge.”

Murray has been a federal public defender in Milwaukee since 2015, where he represents indigent criminal defendants in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Previously, he served as an assistant state public defender in Green Bay, representing indigent clients in criminal, juvenile, and civil commitment proceedings.

“As a federal public defender, Ronnie has distinguished himself as one of the finest attorneys in the state,” said Craig W. Albee, executive director of Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin Inc. “The things that make Ronnie a great lawyer will also make him a great

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judge—intelligence, integrity, and impeccable judgment. Beyond that, Ronnie has an unwavering commitment to treating people fairly and with respect. I can't think of anyone better suited for this position."

Murray is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Whitewater and UW Law School. He is active in the Milwaukee Bar Association, the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, and in 2017, was recognized as an up-and-coming lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal.

"I am extremely humbled, deeply honored, and profoundly grateful for the trust and confidence Gov. Evers has placed in me," said Murray. "I recognize the transformative powers and responsibilities of the judiciary, whose decisions have the capacity to positively shape lives, protect constitutional rights and foster a more just and equitable society. I have dedicated my career to advancing those pursuits, and I look forward to serving the people of Milwaukee County."