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U.S. Senators pick Rubin for judicial selection committee

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin has been named by U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken to a judicial selection committee to assist them in recommending to President Obama who to appoint as Minnesota's next federal judge.

The vacancy was created when Minnesota District U.S. Chief Judge Michael J. Davis announced he would retire from regular active service next August. He will continue to serve as a senior judge.

"Judge Davis has been an exemplary judge," Rubin said. "I'm honored to be asked by our senators to be a part of this committee and I'm honored to represent the people of Minnesota in this process."

The judicial selection committee is co-chaired by Thomas Heffelfinger, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota under Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush and current partner at Best & Flanagan, and R. Ann Huntrods, a partner at Briggs and Morgan and former head of that firm's employment law practice group. Other committee members are Edward Toussaint, former chief judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals; Lolita Ulloa, managing attorney of the victims services division in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office; Lisa Swenson, managing attorney of the Third Judicial District Public Defender's Office; and Yvonne Cheung Ho, former president and CEO of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association.

In announcing the judicial selection committee, Senator Klobuchar said: "This distinguished group of Minnesota leaders will help identify a person who will continue Minnesota's long tradition of quality federal judges. Federal judges are appointed for life, which makes it all the more critical that they are fair-minded,

conscientious and even-handed. The committee will be looking for a person of integrity with a first-rate legal mind, a wide breadth of professional experience, and a fair judicial temperament."

Senator Franken said: "I'm so pleased that such a credentialed and impressive group of Minnesotans has agreed to help select a candidate for this position. The job of federal judge is an exceptionally important position that requires someone with a diverse record of experience and an unwavering commitment to fair and just application of the law. I have no doubt that this committee will help us choose a well-qualified Minnesotan for the post, and I look forward to seeing their recommendations."

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