



# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## District of Minnesota

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United States District Court for the District of Minnesota  
Formal Investiture of Judge Nancy E. Brasel  
The Depot Renaissance Hotel – Minneapolis, Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Chief Judge John R. Tunheim is pleased to announce Judge Nancy E. Brasel’s formal investiture took place at the Depot Renaissance Hotel in Minneapolis on Friday, January 11, 2019. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim administered the oath of office to Brasel, who becomes only the sixth woman to receive a lifetime appointment as a District Judge in Minnesota.

Looking forward to the dedication and diligence Judge Brasel brings to the District of Minnesota, Chief Judge John R. Tunheim had the following statement, “Judge Brasel’s years of experience as a federal prosecutor and member of the state judiciary are a testament to her skill and will serve the District of Minnesota well. We are thrilled to have her as our colleague on the federal bench.”

Before becoming a U.S. District Judge, Brasel was a judge of Minnesota State District Court for the Fourth Judicial District, serving Hennepin County, a position she held since being appointed by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton in 2011. Prior to her judicial service, Brasel spent three years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, where she prosecuted defendants for narcotics, firearms, and financial crimes. Prior to her time with the United States Attorney’s Office, Brasel worked at Leonard, Street and Deinard (now Stinson Leonard Street) and then became a partner at Greene Espel, P.L.L.P., where her practice focused on business and employment litigation. Brasel also served as a law clerk to Judge Donald P. Lay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Brasel earned her Bachelor of Arts from Trinity University, where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, her Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, and her Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota, where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served as a managing editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*.

While serving on the state court bench, Brasel presided over criminal, civil, and juvenile matters. During her three-year service on the Juvenile Court bench, Brasel oversaw cases involving sexually exploited youth and served on several committees aimed at helping sexually exploited youth and teen girls. Prior to her service on the bench, Brasel served on the Board of the Domestic Abuse Project in Minneapolis.

Brasel was nominated by President Donald Trump on February 12, 2018, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on August 28, 2018. She fills the vacancy created when Judge Ann D. Montgomery took senior status

Brasel is chambered in the St. Paul Federal Courthouse, located at 316 North Robert Street.

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