

Chief Judge Sara Grewing Bio

Chief Judge Sara Grewing was appointed to the bench by Governor Mark Dayton on February 2, 2015. She was elected by the voters of Ramsey County in 2016 and 2022. She was elected by her colleagues to the position of Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District in May 2024. Judge Grewing currently co-chairs the Minnesota Supreme Court's statewide task force to improve juror representation and has previously chaired the statewide committee on Minnesota's bail evaluation tool. She has previously served as an appointed member of the statewide Civil Justice Subcommittee for the Committee for Equality and Justice.

Before her appointment to the bench, Chief Judge Grewing served as the Saint Paul City Attorney for four years. Prior to that position, Chief Judge Grewing was the Chief of Staff to Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. She has also served as the State Director to Senator Amy Klobuchar. She's worked as legal counsel and lobbyist for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and also as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney.

Chief Judge Grewing recently wrapped up a nine-year stint on the Board of Trustees at Mitchell Hamline School of Law where she chaired the Governance Committee. She currently serves as a board member for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and co-facilitates a weekly meeting for women in transition at the Wilder Center. She lives in Saint Paul with her husband, Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Jonathan Schmidt, their two kids, and their very lovable British Bulldog.