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Arizona Supreme Court Appoints New Presiding Disciplinary Judge

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court named Hon. Lisa A. VandenBerg as Presiding Disciplinary Judge, effective on Feb. 24, 2025. The disciplinary judge presides over attorney discipline, reinstatement, and disability cases. Judge VandenBerg is the third presiding disciplinary judge since the Court established the office in 2010.

Judge VandenBerg has spent 20 years on the bench in Maricopa County, serving as a Maricopa County Superior Court judge since 2005. In her work at the superior court, Judge Vandenberg oversaw jury trials on the criminal bench, as well as bench trials in family, probate, and juvenile court.

Commenting on the appointment, Judge VandenBerg said, "I look forward to continuing my service to the State of Arizona and its legal community as a judge in this new role."

"The Court selected Judge VandenBerg as the new Presiding Disciplinary Judge among an extremely talented field of applicants," said Chief Justice Ann Timmer of the Arizona Supreme Court. "Judge VandenBerg has had a marvelous and lengthy career as a superior court judge in Maricopa County. We are pleased that she has agreed to accept the position and build on retiring Judge Margaret Downie's great work in that position."

Earlier in her legal career, Judge VandenBerg served as deputy county attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, as well as staff attorney in the utilities division of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Judge VandenBerg also enjoys mentoring local students, and has worked as a coach for South Mountain High School's Mock Trial and an advisor for North High School's Moot Court.

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