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MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BOARD APPOINTS JUDGE THOMAS M. SIPKINS AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

On July 5, 2017, the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards appointed Judge Thomas M. Sipkins as Executive Secretary of the Board. Judge Sipkins will replace the current Executive Secretary, Thomas Vasaly, who is retiring on July 5.

Judge Sipkins' appointment as Executive Secretary will be effective November 1, 2017. In the meantime, the Board's staff attorney, Sara Boeshans, will serve as Acting Executive Secretary, and Mr. Vasaly will provide services to the Board on a contract basis.

Judge Sipkins has been a judge of the Hennepin County District Court since 2009. He was previously in the private practice of law at the Maslon, Edelman, Borman, and Brand law firm in Minneapolis, where he headed the firm's Labor and Employment Group and was a member of its Competitive Practices and Litigation groups. Judge Sipkins' biography is available at <http://www.mncourts.gov/About-The-Courts/Overview/JudicialDirectory/Bio.aspx?id=64>.

The Executive Secretary of the Board is responsible for reviewing complaints about judges, conducting investigations as directed by the Board, and providing informal advisory opinions to judges on request. Additional information about the Board is available at the Board's website, www.bjs.state.mn.us.