MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

TABLE OF SUCCESSION

	Chief Justice	First Associate Justice	Second Associate Justice	Third Associate Justice	Fourth Associate Justice	Fifth Associate Justice	Sixth Associate Justice	Seventh Associate Justice	Eighth Associate Justice
JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL SUPREME COURT									
(1) **1845**	Aaron Goodrich 1849-1851	David Cooper 1849-1853	Bradley B. Meeker 1849-1853						
1850	Jerome Fuller 1851-1852								
	Henry Z. Hayner 1851-1852								
	William H. Welch 1853-1858	Andrew G. Chatfield 1853-1857	Moses Sherburne 1853-1857						
1855		Rensselaer R. Nelson 1857-1858	Charles Eugene Flandrau 1857-1858						
JUSTICES OF THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT									
(2) **1855**	Lafayette Emmett 1858-1865	Isaac Atwater 1858-1864	Charles Eugene Flandrau 1858-1864						
1860		Thomas Wilson 1864-1865	Samuel J. R. McMillan 1864-1874						
1865	Thomas Wilson 1865-1869	John M. Berry 1865-1887							
	James Gilfilllan 1869-1870								
1870	Christopher G. Ripley 1870-1874								
	Samuel J. R. McMillan 1874-1875		George B. Young 1874-1875						

(1) The first Minnesota Territorial Supreme Court was established in 1849. Organic Act, ch. 121, § 9, 9 Stat. 403, 406 (1849). It consisted of a chief justice and two associate justices, who held 4-year terms. *Id.*

(2) When Minnesota became a state in 1858, it brought with it an elected three-member supreme court. The Constitution provided for a court consisting of one chief justice and two associate justices. Minn. Const. of 1857, art. VI, § 2. The justices were to hold 7-year terms. *Id.* § 3.

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1875	James Gilfillan 1875-1894		F.R.E. Cornell 1875-1881						
(3) **1880**			Daniel A. Dickinson 1881-1893	Greenleaf Clark 1881-1882	William Mitchell 1881-1900				
				Charles E. Vanderburgh 1882-1894					
1885		Loren W. Collins 1887-1904							
1890			Daniel Buck 1894-1899	Thomas Canty 1894-1899					
1895	Charles M. Start 1895-1913		Calvin L. Brown 1899-1912						
1900		Wallace B. Douglas 1904-1905		Charles L. Lewis 1900-1912	John A. Lovely 1900-1905				
1905		Edwin A. Jaggard 1905-1911			Charles B. Elliott 1905-1909				
					Thomas D. O'Brien 1909-1911				
1910	Calvin L. Brown 1913-1923	George L. Bunn 1911-1913	George L. Bunn 1913-1918	Philip E. Brown 1912-1915	David F. Simpson 1911-1911				
(4)		Oscar Hallam 1913-1923			Andrew Holt 1912-1942	Commissioner Homer B. Dibell 1913-1918	Commissioner Myron D. Taylor 1913-1930		
1915				Albert Schaller 1915-1917					
			Homer B. Dibell 1918-1934	James H. Quinn 1917-1928		Commissioner Edward Lees 1918-1927			
1920	Samuel B. Wilson 1923-1933	Royal A. Stone 1923-1942							

(3) The legislature expanded the size of the court from three to five members in 1881. Act of Mar. 7, 1881, ch. 141, 1881 Minn. Laws 184. In 1883 the length of term was reduced to 6 years by constitutional amendment. Act of Mar. 1, 1883, ch. 3, § 1, 1883 Minn. Laws 7, 8.

(4) **In 1913, the legislature authorized the appointment of two supreme court commissioners. Except for the method of appointment, the commissioners had the same qualifications, duties, tenure, and salary as justices. The act specified that the offices would be abolished when the court was increased from 5 to 7 justices. Act of Mar. 12, 1913, ch. 62, 1913 Minn. Laws 53-54.**

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1925				Clifford L. Hilton 1928-1943		Commissioner Ingerval M. Olsen 1927-1930	Commissioner Charles Loring 1930-1930		
(5) 1930	John P. Devaney 1933-1937		Julius J. Olson 1934-1948			Ingerval M. Olsen 1930-1936	Charles Loring 1930-1944		
1935	Henry M. Gallagher 1937-1944					Harry H. Peterson 1936-1950			
1940		Maynard E. Pirsig 1942-1942			Thomas O. Streissguth 1942-1942				
	Charles Loring 1944-1953	Luther W. Youngdahl 1943-1946		Clarence R. Magney 1943-1953	Thomas F. Gallagher 1943-1967		Thomas O. Streissguth 1944-1944		
1945		William C. Christianson 1946-1946					Leroy E. Matson 1945-1960		
		Frank T. Gallagher 1947-1963	Oscar R. Knutson 1948-1962						
1950	Roger L. Dell 1953-1962			Roger L. Dell 1953-1953		Theodore Christianson 1950-1955			
1955				Martin A. Nelson 1953-1972		William P. Murphy 1955-1972			
1960	Oscar R. Knutson 1962-1973		Walter F. Rogosheske 1962-1980				Lee Loevinger 1960-1961		
		Robert J. Sheran 1963-1970					James C. Otis 1961-1982		
1965					C. Donald Peterson 1967-1986				
(6) 1970	Robert J. Sheran 1973-1981	Fallon Kelly 1970-1980		John J. Todd 1972-1985		Harry H. MacLaughlin 1972-1977		Lawrence R. Yetka 1973-1993	George M. Scott 1973-1987

(5) In 1930, Minnesota voters amended the constitution to increase the court from five to seven members. Act of Mar. 9, 1929, ch. 430, § 1, 1929 Minn. Laws 676, 676-77.

(6) In 1972, the constitution was amended to expand the membership of the court from seven to nine. Minn. Const. art. VI, § 2 ("The supreme court consists of one chief judge and not less than six nor more than eight associate judges as the legislature may establish.").

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1975		Douglas K. Amdahl 1980-1981				Rosalie E. Wahl 1977-1994			
(7) 1980	Douglas K. Amdahl 1981-1989	Glenn E. Kelley 1981-1990	John E. Simonett 1980-1994				M. Jeanne Coyne 1982-1996		
1985				**Seat Eliminated in 1985 by Retirement**	**Seat Eliminated in 1986 by Retirement**				Peter S. Popovich 1987-1989
1989	Peter S. Popovich 1989-1990								A.M. Keith 1989-1990
1990	A.M. Keith 1990-1998	Esther M. Tomljanovich 1990-1998	Paul H. Anderson 1994-Current			Edward C. Stringer 1994-2002		Alan C. Page 1993-Current	Sandra S. Gardebring 1991-1998
1995							Kathleen A. Blatz 1996-1998		
1998	Kathleen A. Blatz 1998-2006	Russell A. Anderson 1998-2006					James H. Gilbert 1998-2004		Joan Ericsen Lancaster 1998-2002
2000						Sam Hanson 2002-2008	G. Barry Anderson 2004-Current		Helen M. Meyer 2002-2012
2005	Russell A. Anderson 2006-2008	Lorie Skjerven Gildea 2006-Current							
2008	Eric J. Magnuson 2008-2010					Christopher J. Dietzen 2008-Current			
2010	Lorie Skjerven Gildea 2010-Current	David R. Stras 2010-Current	David L. Lillehaug 2013-Current						Wilhelmina M. Wright 2012-Current

(7) In 1982 the legislature placed on the ballot a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of an intermediate court of appeals. Act of Mar. 22, 1982, ch. 501, 1982 Minn. Laws 569. The reduction in the membership of the supreme court from nine to seven occurred by attrition of the first two members to retire.

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