

Public Attorneys on the Move

Awards honor outstanding achievement in diversity work

One individual and two teams were selected as the 2014 recipients of achievement awards specially designed to recognize outstanding work on the part of DHS employees in the arena of diversity and cultural competency. Inta Sellars and Louis Thayer, co-chief human services judges in Appeals Division of the Compliance Office, were recognized for their substantial gains in creating greater diversity in the DHS workforce through their hiring and promotional practices. This is the first year that this award has been given, and Sellars and Thayer were specifically recognized for their long commitment to fostering and promoting an inclusive and pluralistic work environment, demonstrated through their hiring and promotional practices. The results of these practices show in the greater diversity in the Appeals Division workforce, and in their emphasis on diversity education for all their employees.

Fiscal year 2014 marked the 10th year that these awards have been conferred.



Inta Sellars



Louis Thayer

Mary Moriarity has been selected as Hennepin County's first female chief public defender succeeding Bill Ward who left the position to become the State Chief Public Defender. Moriarity received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1989 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Macalester College in 1986. She started with the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office in January 1990 and was most recently the Managing Attorney in the Adult Division.



Mary Moriarity

Heather Kendall has been appointed as District Administrator of the Second Judicial District effective 1/5/15. Kendall previously worked in Minnesota's First Judicial District starting in 2002. She became Deputy Court Administrator in Dakota County in 2007 and since 2012 has been the Court Administrator for Scott County District Court. Prior to working for the courts, she was an associate attorney at Brown & Carlson, P.A. in Minneapolis. Kendall will replace

Lawrence K. Dease, who retired in November after serving as Second Judicial District Administrator for nearly 15 years.



Heather Kendall