

Gov. Evers: Appoints LaKeisha Haase to the Winnebago County Circuit Court

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MADISON — Gov. Evers announced today that he is appointing LaKeisha Haase to the Winnebago County Circuit Court. The appointment fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Karen L. Seifert.

“The people of Winnebago County and Wisconsin deserve judges who apply the law fairly and equally,” said Gov. Evers. “LaKeisha Haase will do just that. She will be an excellent judge for the people of Winnebago County.”

Haase is currently in private practice, where she represents individuals and families in criminal and family law matters. She previously represented indigent clients as a state public defender. Haase is a member of the Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, both the Wisconsin and National Associations of Criminal Defense Attorneys, and the Winnebago County Bar Association. Haase is also active in the community, including serving on the Outagamie County Racial Disparity Committee.

“I have known LaKeisha for many years and I have no doubt she will be a thoughtful and compassionate judge,” said retired Winnebago County Judge Thomas Gritton. “Gov. Evers made a strong appointment and the people of Winnebago County will benefit with Lakeisha’s appointment to the bench.”

“I am honored and grateful to be selected by Gov. Evers to serve Winnebago County as a circuit court judge,” said Haase. “I am excited to serve the citizens of Wisconsin and am committed to providing equal access to the court.”

Haase will be the first African American to serve as a judge in Winnebago County. Haase is a graduate of Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh.