

New District Judge Appointed For SE Nebraska

**(KLZA)-- Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts has appointed Julie D. Smith as the new First Judicial District Court Judge.**

**Smith is currently the Nebraska prison systems general counsel. Smith is 37 and has practiced law in Nebraska for more than 12 years. She previously served as County Attorney in Johnson County and as a partner at Smith & Smith Attorneys at Law in Tecumseh.**

**Smith earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Drake University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.**

**The First Judicial District consists of Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Nickolls, Saline and Thayer counties. The primary place of the office for the judicial vacancy is Auburn.**

**The vacancy was due to the retirement of Judge Daniel E. Bryan Jr. which was effective December 31, 2016.**

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