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Summary: The UMM political science major holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

(May 14, 2010)-Governor of Minnesota Tim Pawlenty has named University of Minnesota, Morris graduate Lorie Skjerven Gildea '83 as the state's next Supreme Court chief justice. Gildea will replace Chief Justice Eric Magnuson, who will step down June 30, 2010.

A UMM political science major, Gildea holds a juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, from which she graduated in 1986. She has served as an associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court since 2006. She is chair of the Supreme Court Gender Fairness Implementation Committee, and liaison to the Supreme Court Board of Legal Certification and Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Juvenile Protection Rules.

Previously, Gildea served as Hennepin County District Court judge and as an assistant Hennepin County attorney. Justice Gildea was associate general counsel for the University of Minnesota from 1993 until 2004, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Arent Fox in Washington, D.C., from 1986 until 1993.

Gildea received the University of Minnesota, Morris Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007.

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