

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit recently announced that the court has appointed Kesha Lynn Tanabe as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Minnesota. Judge Tanabe will succeed Judge Kathleen H. Sanberg upon her retirement. She will take the oath of office on January 7, 2022 and her chambers will be in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Judge Tanabe is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, the London School of Economics, and Cardozo School of Law. She began her legal career in the Honors Program for the Attorney General of New York. Before her judicial appointment, Judge Tanabe was an attorney in private practice in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was a partner at Maslon LLP, Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, and ASK LLP. Additionally, she was a Subchapter V Trustee in Region 12 and she taught bankruptcy law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Judge Tanabe is a member of the Bankruptcy Practice Committee for the District of Minnesota and a former co-Editor in Chief of the MSBA Bankruptcy Bulletin. She is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy topics nationwide, and she is a member of several legal and community organizations, including International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation, Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and Minnesota Lavender Bar Association