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Gov. Gianforte Appoints Rebecca Swandal to Sixth Judicial District Court

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte today announced his appointment of Rebecca Swandal to serve on the Sixth Judicial District Court, which includes Park and Sweetgrass Counties. Swandal will fill the vacancy created by Sixth Judicial District Judge Brenda Gilbert’s retirement.

“Rebecca is an accomplished attorney who brings both civil and criminal experience, serving Montanans in Park and Sweet Grass counties for over a decade,” Gov. Gianforte said. “I look forward to her service on the Sixth Judicial District Court.”

Swandal graduated from the University of Montana in 2005 and the University of Montana School of Law in 2009. She has served as an attorney for 13 years with the law office formed by her grandmother in 1967.

On February 5, the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Montana notified the governor of a vacancy in the Sixth Judicial District upon Judge Gilbert’s retirement on June 1, 2026.

On February 10, the governor began soliciting applications from and nominations of any attorney in good standing with the qualifications set forth by law for holding the position of district court judge. The application period closed on March 16.

On March 17, the governor initiated the 30-day public comment period, which concluded on April 16.

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