

**PRESS RELEASE**

**13<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT JUDGES SELECT NOELLE R. MOEGGENBERG TO SUCCEED ROBERT COONEY AS GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Noelle R. Moeggenberg, the Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Grand Traverse County, has been named by 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judges Thomas G. Power and Kevin A. Elsenheimer to succeed Robert A. Cooney as Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney. Cooney was elected to the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court in November.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this appointment,” said Moeggenberg. “I understand the responsibilities and demands of the office and am ready to take on that role.”

“Noelle is among the most experienced trial attorneys in northern Michigan, and has the judgment and fairness needed to be an effective prosecutor for Grand Traverse County,” stated Power. “Frankly, this was an easy decision. She is highly qualified to do this job, and she’ll be an asset as the county’s chief law enforcement officer.”

“Noelle shows the judgment and has the skills necessary to be a first-rate prosecuting attorney,” said Elsenheimer. “She knows that the job of a prosecutor is to serve justice first, and I’m confident she will continue the high quality work that we have seen under Bob Cooney’s leadership.”

"As a colleague of mine for the past 20 years, I have observed Noelle to exhibit nothing but the highest integrity, an outstanding work ethic, and a strong commitment to justice. It is for these reasons, as well as her unparalleled experience as a trial prosecutor in Northwest Michigan, that in 2012 I chose Noelle to be my Chief Assistant," said Cooney. "I have no doubt that the citizens of Grand Traverse County will be well served by her leadership as the next Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney."

Moeggenberg’s swearing in will take place in January of 2019, and she will serve out the remainder of Cooney’s term, which ends in 2020. She is a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, and is a board member of the Traverse Bay Children’s Advocacy Center. She has been with the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney’s office since 1998, following service as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Hillsdale County. She lives with her husband and daughter in Union Township.