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APPELLATE PUBLIC DEFENDER APPOINTED TO THIRD DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

(BOISE) – Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of **Molly Huskey** of Middleton to a Third Judicial District vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gregory W. Culet.

Huskey is a Moscow native with a law degree from the University of Idaho. She has been State Appellate Public Defender since 2002, when she was appointed by then-Governor Dirk Kempthorne. Huskey was reappointed to that position by Governor Otter in 2008 and again in 2011.

"Molly has proven her judicial temperament and her legal preparation. She has proven her management skills and her understanding of Idaho's culture and issues, and she has prepared herself admirably for this new challenge," Governor Otter said. "I'm proud to be able to appoint her to the District Court, and look forward to her capable administration of justice for the people of the Third Judicial District."

As State Appellate Public Defender, Huskey oversaw a 22-member staff assigned to represent indigent defendants in non-capital felony conviction appeals and other post-conviction proceedings. The office also represents indigent defendants who have been sentenced to death as they appear in state court for post-conviction proceedings.

Huskey was among four candidates nominated to the Governor by the Idaho Judicial Council to succeed Culet, whose court is based in Caldwell. Before joining the Office of the Appellate Public Defender, Huskey was a deputy prosecutor and a deputy public defender in eastern Idaho's Bonneville County.

"To be selected is an honor and a responsibility," she said. "I will work to ensure the confidence of my colleagues and the Governor is not misplaced. I will do my best to administer justice fairly with due regard for the parties and the issues they seek to resolve."

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