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Rachel A. DeGraba Selected as Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director

Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, is pleased to announce that Rachel A. DeGraba has been selected as Judicial Performance Evaluation Program Director, effective October 25, 2026.

Prior to joining the Office of the Executive Secretary, Rachel served as a law clerk in the Chesterfield County Circuit Court and worked in private practice, primarily in the areas of domestic relations and civil litigation. Rachel received her undergraduate degree from James Madison University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond School of Law.

The Judicial Performance Evaluation Program (JPE Program) in Virginia is established pursuant to Virginia Code § 17.1-100. The purpose of Virginia's JPE Program is twofold: providing a mechanism for judge self-improvement and providing a source of information for the re-election of judges by the General Assembly.

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