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IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A RETIRED  
DISTRICT JUDGE TO ACTIVE SERVICE

O R D E R

The Honorable Deborah Kim Christopher, Judge of the District Court for the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Montana, has requested the assistance of retired District Judge Karen Townsend to assume jurisdiction of the Department 2 Calendar in Sanders County on May 17 and June 7, 2022, and in Lake County on May 18, May 19, May 23, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 13, 2022.

Judge Townsend has retired under the provisions of the Montana Judges' Retirement System and, being subject to call for duty pursuant to § 19-5-103(a) and (b), MCA, has advised that she is agreeable to assisting the Twentieth Judicial District Court with the above-listed matters.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Honorable Karen Townsend, retired District Judge, is hereby called to active service in the District Court of the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Montana, to assume jurisdiction of and preside over the Department 2 Calendar in Sanders County on May 17 and June 7, 2022, and in Lake County on May 18, May 19, May 23, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 13, 2022, and is hereby authorized to proceed with any and all necessary hearings, opinions, and orders, including final resolution of said matters.

2. For all active service, Judge Townsend shall be paid the salary compensation to which she is entitled by § 19-5-103(2)(b), MCA, and actual expenses, if any, shall be reimbursed.

3. A copy of this Order shall be filed with the Clerks of Court of Sanders County and Lake County, with the request that this Order be publicly posted for all counsel of record in all cases scheduled for Department 2 on the above-listed dates.

4. A copy of this Order shall also be furnished to the Honorable Deborah Kim Christopher, the Honorable Karen Townsend, and to Cathy Pennie, Office of the Supreme Court Administrator.

This Order is entered by the Chief Justice pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(3) of the 1972 Montana Constitution, and statutes enacted in conformity therewith and in implementation thereof.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

  
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Chief Justice