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ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A DISTRICT  
JUDGE TO ACTIVE SERVICE

Twentieth Judicial District Court Judge Deborah Kim Christopher will retire on April 6, 2024. A sitting district court judge will assist with cases as needed on the civil court and the criminal court calendars in Department 2 until Judge Christopher's successor is sworn in. Honorable Matthew J. Cuffe has agreed to assume jurisdiction on Sanders County Cause No. DR-23-07, *Parenting of C.W., Jr.*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Honorable Matthew J. Cuffe is hereby authorized to assist the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Montana and assume jurisdiction of Sanders County Cause No. DR-23-07, *Parenting of C.W., Jr.*
2. Judge Cuffe shall have full authority to conduct all proceedings, and is hereby authorized to proceed with any and all necessary hearings, opinions, and orders, including final resolution of said matter.
3. A copy of this Order shall be filed with the District Court clerk of Sanders County, with the request that this Order be sent to all counsel of record in the above-listed matter.

A copy of this Order shall be provided to Honorable Deborah Kim Christopher, Honorable Matthew J. Cuffe, and Beth McLaughlin, 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 27 day of March, 2024.

  
Chief Justice