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RALEIGH — Chief Justice Paul Newby has appointed <u>Yancey County</u> District Court Judge Rebecca Eggers-Gryder to serve as chief district court judge for District Court District 35 (Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, and Yancey counties) effective January 1, 2025. Judge Eggers-Gryder will fill the vacancy left by Chief District Court Judge Ted McIntyre, who is running unopposed for superior court judge.

"I am confident that Judge Eggers-Gryder will continue to serve her community well in her new administrative capacity in Yancey County," said <u>Chief Justice</u> <u>Newby</u>.

Judge Eggers-Gryder has served as a district court judge since 2015 after being appointed by former Governor Pat McCrory and then re-elected in 2016. She currently leads a <u>Safe Babies Court pilot site</u> in Mitchell and Yancey counties. Eggers-Gryder previously served as a trial lawyer for almost 30 years, and received her undergraduate degree at Appalachian State University and her Juris Doctor at Campbell University School of Law.

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