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Eileen A. Longenecker Selected as Director of the Department of Legal Research

Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, is pleased to announce the selection of Eileen A. Longenecker as Director of the Department of Legal Research, effective November 15, 2024.

Eileen joined the Office of the Executive Secretary in 2008 as a Staff Attorney in the Department of Legal Research and was promoted to Senior Staff Attorney in 2021. Prior to joining the Office of the Executive Secretary, Eileen was in private practice.

Eileen is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and earned a Juris Doctor from the Notre Dame Law School.

The Department of Legal Research provides staff support and direct assistance to the Office of the Executive Secretary and the judiciary. These duties include performing legal research for trial court judges; working on special projects as directed by the Executive Secretary; assisting in representing Virginia's Judicial System in matters before the General Assembly; maintaining the official forms used in the courts; and providing other staff members with legal analyses related to their professional responsibilities.