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ATTORNEY STACEY PECTOL APPOINTED BY SUPREME COURT AS CLERK OF COURTS

The Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously selected Stacey Pectol to replace outgoing Clerk of Courts Leslie Steen, who is retiring. "I look forward to serving the public and my profession with enthusiasm and integrity as the clerk," Pectol said. "It is a great honor and privilege to apply all I have learned during the thirteen years I've been in the Justice Building."

Pectol, who is from Searcy and lives in Little Rock, is a 1987 graduate of Hendrix College and a 1990 graduate of UALR's law school. She was hired as a law clerk that same year by then-Chief Judge Donald Corbin at the Court of Appeals. When he was elected to the Supreme Court, Pectol continued as his clerk. In 1997, Pectol worked as in-house counsel for a human resources company, where she concentrated on labor and employment law, as well as supervised and managed the legal department. Pectol returned to the Justice Building as Justice Corbin's law clerk in 2008.

"Justice Corbin has taught me a great deal about what it means to be a public servant," Pectol said. "He not only taught me about substantive law, but also judicial administration. As clerk, I will carry on his respect for the people of this state."

Steen retired after twenty-seven years as the clerk, although he has worked in the Justice Building for thirty-four. He first came to the courts as a law clerk to Justice John I. Purtle in 1980. He was chief deputy clerk for the Court of Appeals from 1980-1987. According to a Supreme Court per curiam opinion released June 19, Steen "has incorporated many beneficial changes while maintaining the time-tested court procedures established by Justice George Rose Smith. His institutional knowledge of both courts is unparalleled."

Pectol will begin her new position on July 1.