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## The Honorable Cynthia D. Kinser, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Announces Retirement

Cynthia D. Kinser, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, has announced to the Court her intention to retire this year. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia by former Governor George Allen in 1997, and subsequently twice elected as a Justice by the General Assembly. She was elected by her fellow justices to a four-year term as Chief Justice that began on February 1, 2011.

The first woman selected as a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Chief Justice Kinser is a native of Lee County, Virginia, and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and her Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. Chief Justice Kinser also has served as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Lee County, Virginia and as a United States Magistrate Judge.

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