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PRESS RELEASE

The judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska announced today that Aaron Kurtenbach has been selected to serve as the district's next Chief Probation Officer. He will lead the district's Office of Probation and Pretrial Services upon the retirement of the district's current Chief Probation Officer, Douglas ("Doug") Steensma, on April 30, 2026.

Kurtenbach is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice; and Bellevue University, where he earned his master's degree in Security Management—Homeland Security. He has 21 years of experience in state and federal probation systems, most recently serving as the Assistant Deputy Chief of the office he soon will lead.

The Office of Probation and Pretrial Services is composed of 55 officers and support staff working throughout Nebraska to supervise and rehabilitate federal defendants on pretrial release, probation, and post-incarceration release. The officers also assist judges through the preparation of pretrial reports and presentence investigation reports.

The District Court's Chief Judge, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., said, "Aaron's depth of experience and proven leadership make him exceptionally well qualified and uniquely prepared to lead our Probation and Pretrial Services Office. The judges of our district are confident that he will uphold and build upon the tradition of excellence that has earned our office national respect. We are also deeply grateful to Doug Steensma for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the Court."

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