

Gov. Shumlin taps Maley, Arms for Vermont Superior Court bench

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MONTPELIER – Gov. Peter Shumlin today announced he will appoint criminal defense attorney Alison Arms and Martin Maley, a magistrate, to serve on the Vermont Superior Court bench in the northwestern district.

Maley has been a Vermont Superior Court Magistrate in the Family Division since January 2005. He also has significant experience with criminal, family and civil legal proceedings in state and federal court, and worked for law firms in St. Albans from 1987-2001. He received a BA from the University of Vermont in 1981, and a law degree from Western New England School of Law in 1987.

“As a sitting magistrate, Martin brings a full range of judicial experience to the bench and he will be prepared to serve quickly,” Gov. Shumlin said. “In addition, Martin brings a low-key judicial temperament to the position, which is an important factor.”

Arms has been an Assistant Federal Defender in Burlington since 2008, with prior experience in the Chittenden County Public Defender’s office and the Legal Aid Society of New York. She received a BA from the University of Vermont in 1991 and her law degree from the University of Denver College of Law in 1994.

Gov. Shumlin noted the strong pool of applicants for the two seats.

“I was presented with an impressive list of candidates and selecting only two was a difficult decision,” the Governor said. “I’m pleased to have found top-notch lawyers with experience in criminal and family matters. Martin and Alison will be strong additions to Vermont’s judiciary.”

The two will primarily serve in the district that includes Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Orleans, Lamoille and Washington Counties.