

Judge candidate draws support from legislator

By the Herald staff

A federal prosecutor running to become a Benton County District Court judge has picked up the endorsement of first-term Rep. Brad Klippert.

Alex Ekstrom, an assistant U.S. attorney for Washington's Eastern District, wants to replace Judge Holly Hollenbeck, who will retire at year's end.

In announcing his support of the longtime prosecutor, Klippert, R-Kennewick, said in a campaign news release, "I have worked with Alex Ekstrom and have found him to be both knowledgeable and principled."

Ekstrom said it is an honor "to have the endorsement of someone with the values, character and service to the country that Rep. Klippert has."

Lawyer Dan Kathren also has filed for the post.

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