

Biskupski taps attorney for justice court judgeship

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SALT LAKE CITY — Clemens Landau, an appellate attorney at Zimmerman Jones Booher, has been chosen to be a justice court judge by Mayor Jackie Biskupski.

Landau will replace Judge Catherine E. Roberts who retired effective Dec. 31. The justice court handles misdemeanors, traffic violations and small-debt disputes. “Clemens Landau has a mind for the law but a heart for the community,” Biskupski said in a statement. “I was impressed with his legal knowledge and compassion. So many people see he ‘walks the walk and talks the talk’ in his personal and professional life.”

Before becoming an attorney, Landau worked as a paramedic in Boston and then managed a woodworking and instrument making company in Germany before going to law school at the University of Utah. He worked as a civil litigator at Parr, Brown, Gee & Loveless before moving to Zimmerman Jones Booher.



Landau is a board member of the ACLU of Utah, the Salt Lake County Bar Association and the Utah Center for Legal Inclusion, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the goals of equity and inclusion in Utah’s legal profession. In addition to these legal roles, Landau also serves on the Madeleine Choir School’s diversity committee and has helped restart the Boy Scout troop at Salt Lake City’s Calvary Baptist Church.

The Salt Lake County Nominating Commission selected five nominees for the position, and the appointment is subject to approval by the Salt Lake City Council. The Utah Judicial Council must then certify the appointment.