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## Trevino named to Circuit Court post

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TILLAMOOK - Mari Garric Trevino has been appointed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski as a Tillamook County Circuit Court judge, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Hantke.

Trevino said she is excited and honored to be appointed to the position, and will do her best to live up to the standard of integrity set by her predecessor, Judge Hantke.

Trevino, 43, received her law degree from the University of Washington School of Law in 1989. She has been serving as a half-time Circuit Court judge pro tem in Tillamook, and also has maintained a private law practice in Manzanita. She has focused on criminal, juvenile and probate law, as well as real estate transactional work. Prior to her practice locally, she was a prosecutor in Seattle, Wash.

Trevino, who has been a pro tem judge for the past three years, said, "I've been interested in being a judge for the past 15 years." What is especially appealing about the position, she said, is that it offers a chance to "make a difference" in a community-oriented way.

She said she will be well equipped for the "varied docket" of the full-time position, with a breadth of experience that includes 10 years as a prosecutor and seven years as a defense attorney.

In addition, she said, she is looking forward to working with Judge Rick Roll in the Tillamook court.

Another plus to the position, she noted, is that she has been juggling the roles of judge, lawyer and mother for several years. Now it will be streamlined to judge and mother.

She and her husband, Jim, are the parents of two elementary-age children. They moved to the area in 2000.

Her appointment extends to fall 2008, when she will have the option of running for election to a full term.

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