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NICOLE LYNN THURNER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR JUDGE

Butler, PA --Local attorney **Nicole Lynn Thurner** is proud to announce her judicial candidacy for the Butler County Court of Common Pleas seat recently vacated by the Honorable Marilyn J. Horan.

Thurner hopes to begin her judicial career where her legal career began in Pennsylvania, with the Butler County Court of Common Pleas. She first served as a judicial law clerk with the Honorable Kelley T.D. Streib, where she observed the inner-workings of the Butler County family and juvenile court systems. During her clerkship, Thurner shaped her sense of balancing competing interests and decision-making through listening to litigants, researching the law, and applying applicable law to the cases brought before the Court.

Following her clerkship, Thurner began working with a small firm in Valencia, Middlesex Township, where she expanded the firm from its real property and estate practice to include a family and juvenile practice. She purchased the firm in 2017 and has continued to own and operate it as a small practice, focusing primarily on family and juvenile matters. She currently serves as a parent advocate in many cases involving Children and Youth Services, and is actively involved in the Family Engagement Initiative, a statewide initiative working toward the betterment of the child welfare system in Pennsylvania.

Thurner graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in Sociology. She then attended Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, where she worked multiple jobs, and held several internships, including a position with the National Adoption Center, now known as the Family and Youth Law Center.

In addition to her law practice, Thurner is heavily involved in the Butler County community, serving as secretary of the Board of Directors of the Penn Theater Performance Company and Butler County Associated Artists (Art Center), and serves as solicitor, pro bono, for the Butler County Humane Society. She serves as a council member of the Butler County Drug and Alcohol Council, and has served as president of the Young Lawyers' Division of the Butler County Bar Association. Thurner is a member of the Butler A.M. Rotary, and is the co-chair of the Wills for Heroes program held each year at the Butler County Community College.

Thurner plans to continue her community involvement and hopes to be able to positively serve the community as the next elected judge, following the example of judicial professionalism set by Judge Marilyn J. Horan. "Her judicial temperament and commitment to community made Judge Horan an extraordinary member of the bench in Butler County," Thurner says.

"I pledge to ensure that the residents of Butler County are served in an efficient and compassionate manner, upholding the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth,

while treating every individual with fairness and respect,” says Thurner. “This has always been my aspiration and after thoughtful consideration, I have decided to pursue this opportunity to serve where I began my law career, here in Butler County.”

Thurner resides in Mars with her dog Spot and cat Josie, and proudly calls Butler County her home.