



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Walz
Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155-1611

December 21, 2022

Via email

The Honorable David Osmek
President of the Senate
2107 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senate President Osmek:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law.

Minnesota Tax Court:

Jane Bowman, 245 Minnesota Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota, in Ramsey County, effective January 2, 2023, for a term expiring January 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

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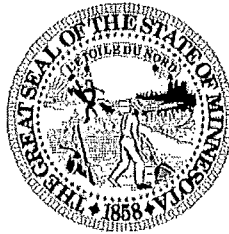
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Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jane N. Bowman

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

JUDGE

MINNESOTA TAX COURT

Effective: January 2, 2023

Expires: January 1, 2029

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed December 21, 2022.



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Tim Walz
Governor

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Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Secretary of State,
Steve Simon

Reappointment

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Jane N. Bowman, Chief Judge, Minnesota Tax Court

25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN * jane.bowman@state.mn.us * 651.324.8804

EDUCATION

William Mitchel College of Law, St. Paul, MN

Juris Doctor, January 2008

Negotiation Competition, Legal Assistant to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP), CALI Award Recipient, Finalist for the William Mitchell Student of Merit Award, Co-Chair Out!Law

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Bachelor of Arts, December 2002

Major in Religious Studies, Minor in German Studies, member of the women's rugby team

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Minnesota Tax Court, St. Paul, MN

Chief Judge, April 2022 – Present

Judge, January 2020 – April 2022 (appointed by Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan)

Adjudicate property tax disputes and appeals from orders of the Commissioner of Revenue. Provide parties with carefully considered written decisions after trial and motion practice. As a certified mediator, oversee and promote formal settlement discussions to avoid lengthy trials. As Chief Judge, manage the administrative side of the court, including developing the court's budget, managing IT projects, and promoting a healthy working environment.

Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Minneapolis, MN

Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, October 2012 – December 2019

Defend the County in Minnesota Tax Court in property tax matters, including evaluating, litigating, settling, or trying cases from beginning through any appeal. Advocated on behalf of the County in ten tax court trials and four appeals to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Represent the County in eminent domain proceedings, including Commissioners' Hearings and trial.

Housing Preservation Project, St. Paul, MN

Supervising Attorney, December 2010 – October 2012

Promoted from Staff Attorney, with additional responsibilities of overseeing attorneys, paralegals, and interns, and making litigation strategy decisions.

Staff Attorney, April 2008 – December 2010

Advocate and litigate on behalf of homeowners in foreclosure, including representing class action consumer plaintiffs and first chairing a landmark equity stripping trial. Research, draft and testify on behalf of affordable housing legislation. Regularly speak to groups about foreclosure defense and the housing crisis in Minnesota.

Assistant Hennepin County Attorney, April 2011 – July 2012

As a special project of the Housing Preservation Project, prosecute mortgage fraud as a member of the Complex Crimes Division in the Office of the Hennepin County Attorney, including drafting search warrants, analyzing bank and mortgage records, and making charging decisions.

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COURT ADMISSIONS

- 2008 Supreme Court of Minnesota
- 2008 United States District Court, District of Minnesota
- 2018 Supreme Court of the United States

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

Member of the Lincoln Institute's Association of State Tax Court Judges; Former Member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure; Former Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and former Chair of the Legislative Committee, Project 515; Co-Founder and former Co-Chair of the Consumer Litigation Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association; multiple ribbons awarded for knitted and woven entries to the Creative Activities competitions at the Minnesota State Fair.

LECTURES – CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

- 2021 MNCLE Annual Tax Law Conference – *Update from the Bench* (via Zoom)
- 2020 MSBA Tax Law Section – *Meet the Judges* (via Zoom)
- 2020 MSBA Tax Institute – *Update from the Bench* (via Zoom)
- 2012 HELP Legal Assistance of Eastern Iowa – *Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Strategies* (Davenport, IA)
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- 2011 Real Property Section, MSBA – *Short Sales and Foreclosures* (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2010 First District Bar Association – *Recent Developments in Foreclosure Defense* (Hastings, MN)
- 2010 Hennepin County Bar Association – *The Current State of the Foreclosure Crisis* (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2010 Federal Diversity Day, the Federal Executive Board of Minnesota – *Changing the 515 Laws that Discriminate Against Same-Sex Couples* (St. Paul, MN)
- 2009 International Municipal Lawyers' Association – *Think Small: Micro-Litigation as a Tool to Fight Blight* (Miami, FL)
- 2009 Clarion Legal – *Step by Step: Legal Rights for Same-Sex Couples* (Eagan, MN)
- 2009 Ramsey County Bar Association – *Helping Homeowners in Foreclosure* (St. Paul, MN)
- 2009 Washington County Bar Association - *Foreclosure in Washington County* (Stillwater, MN)
- 2009 First District Bar Association – *Foreclosure Defense* (Apple Valley, MN)
- 2009 Minnesota Family Law Institute – *How Laws Impact Same-Sex Couples* (St. Paul, MN)

AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 2012 Macalester College Young Alumni Award Recipient
- 2012 Minnesota Lavender Bar Association Equality & Justice Award Recipient
- 2012 Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Award Recipient, Cultural Heritage Category
- 2012 *Minnesota Lawyer's* Up & Coming Attorney Award Recipient
- 2010 One of the National LGBT Bar Association's "Best LGBT Lawyer's Under 40"

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October 25, 2022

Governor Tim Walz & Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Reappointment to the Minnesota Tax Court

Dear Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan,

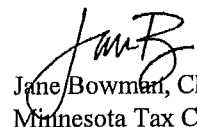
I am applying for reappointment to the Minnesota Tax Court because I wish to continue my service to the people of Minnesota using my unique combination of subject matter expertise and ability to run an efficient and healthy small agency. Thank you for my past opportunity to serve and I look forward to continuing my work for another term.

For the past three years, I have served as a Judge on the Minnesota Tax Court (the last seven months as Chief Judge), with ample opportunity to oversee trials, motion hearings, and written orders. I ensure each order, whether in small claims or regular division, is thorough, addresses the problem raised, and gives the parties' arguments a fair analysis. I continue to educate myself through relevant courses offered by the National Judicial College and the Lincoln Institute's Association for State Tax Court Judges. Shortly into my term, I became a certified mediator. As a neutral, I have organized and overseen several mediations, resulting in settlements that saved the parties—and the court—the resources necessary for trial. In short, I have never wavered in my dedication and commitment to fair outcomes for taxpayers and taxing authorities.

I came into this role with a strong background in public service, and I continue that commitment as Chief Judge. As Chief, I oversee the administrative matters concerning the court, including developing and promoting our FY24-25 budget, career development of the court's office staff, and mentorship of the court's three clerks. I have developed a good working relationship with SmART, ensuring our small agency is utilizing all available resources. The Tax Court is also a strong working partner with the Office of Administrative Hearings, ensuring our agencies utilize each other's strengths. For example, Chief Judge Starr and I are working together to get the funding necessary to assist with our joint IT needs, a common problem with a common solution. I look forward to continuing the betterment of the Tax Court through strong leadership.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing the position and my qualifications with you.

Sincerely,


Jane Bowman, Chief Judge
Minnesota Tax Court

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Tax Court
Position: Judge

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Jane Bowman jane.n.holzer@gmail.com
Phone: (651) 324-8804
County: Hennepin
Mn House District: 63A
US House District: 5
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

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Part V: Signature

Signature: Jane N. Bowman
Date: 10/25/2022 9:02:44 AM

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