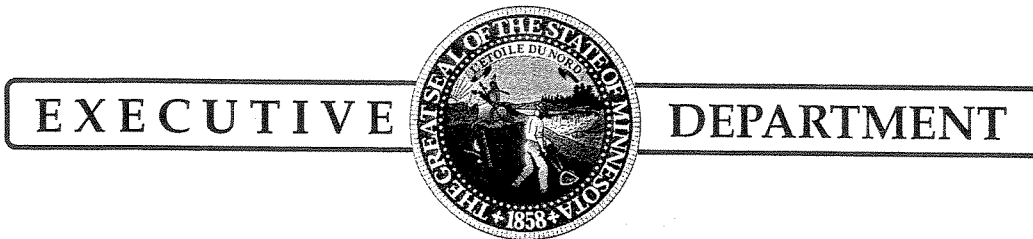


STATE of MINNESOTA



TIM PAWLENTY
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

SHERYL AMELIA RAMSTAD

1186 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55105
County of Ramsey
Congressional District Four

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 said office of:

JUDGE

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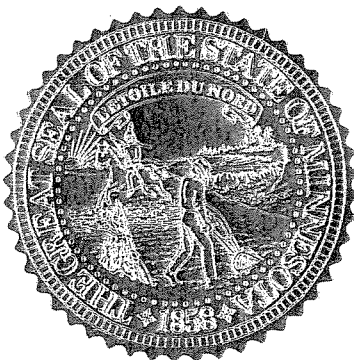
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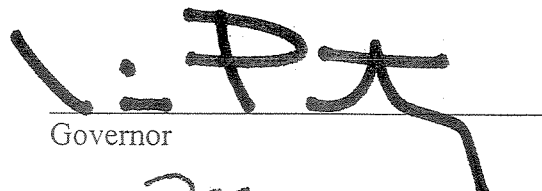

Effective: January 28, 2009
Term Expires: January 5, 2015

President of the Senate

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 23, 2009.




Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: Reappointment

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCY

All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Agency Name: Minnesota Tax Court
Position Sought: Judge
Applicant Name: Sheryl Ramstad
Applicant Address: 1186 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Work Phone: (651) 286-1269
Home Phone: (612) 222-0095
E-MAIL: Sheryl.ramstad@taxcourt.state.mn.us
County: Ramsey MN House of Rep District: 64A U.S. House of Rep District: 4th

OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION
The following information is optional and voluntary. Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §15.0597.
Sex: [x] Female [] Male
Political Party: [] Democratic-Farmer-Labor [] Green [] Independence [] Republican [] Other [] No party preference
Race*: [] African American / Black [] American Indian / Alaska Native [] Asian [] Hispanic [] Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander [x] White [] Other Race
National Origin: [] USA [] (Country of Origin or Principle Tribe)
(* Select as many as apply)

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.
Signature of Applicant: Sheryl B. Ramstad
Date: 1/23/09
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* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

MAIL, FAX, OR SUBMIT APPLICATION IN PERSON, TO: Office of the Secretary of State, Open Appointments 180 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155-1299
FAX: (651) 296-9073
Phone: (651) 297-5845
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
President of the Senate

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.
By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

FOR OFFICE USE: Sub by AA: AA: Trans Date:



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**MINNESOTA TAX COURT
245 MINNESOTA JUDICIAL CENTER
25 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155-1500
(651) 296-2806**

**CHAMBERS OF
SHERYL A. RAMSTAD
JUDGE**

October 31, 2008

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:


I am writing to request re-appointment to the Minnesota Tax Court and enclose my curriculum vitae for your consideration. My six-year appointment expires in January, and I would be most grateful for the opportunity to continue my service to our State.

The past six years have been very rewarding. The tax bar is well-prepared, courteous, and knowledgeable. We have a collegial court, and I enjoy the interaction with my judicial colleagues. The position has been an excellent fit for me.

Thank you for having initially appointed me to this position. I would be most honored to be re-appointed for another term.

Best personal regards to you. I applaud your leadership during such challenging times.

Warmest regards,


Sheryl A. Ramstad

Enclosure

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SHERYL A. RAMSTAD

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612-386-5359
sheryl.ramstad@taxcourt.state.mn.us

PROFILE:

Extensive public service and legal background provide the foundation for strong and effective leadership. Keen aptitude in the courtroom and for researching and writing about complex legal matters. Passionate about aligning values with action, working with diverse populations, and addressing the needs of those who are underrepresented.

Known as compassionate, committed, and creative with a proven record of a strong work ethic and professional competence..

- Committed Leader
- Experienced Communicator
- Skilled Writer
- Conscientious Worker
- Accomplished Public Servant
- Strategic Thinker

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

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Judge, Minnesota Tax Court, St. Paul, MN

2003 – Present

- Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty to six-year term with the Minnesota Tax Court, a specialized trial court in the executive branch. Court has statewide jurisdiction over appeals ranging from Commissioner of Revenue rulings to property tax appeals.
- Decide complex, high-value cases of first impression involving non-profit and for-profit corporations, as well as businesses and individuals.
- Serve as representative of the Court in various community forums throughout the state.
- Consult with other governmental agencies regarding mutual concerns.

Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Corrections, St. Paul, MN

1999 – 2003

- Appointed by Governor Jesse Ventura to four-year term. Successfully developed and presented the annual budget of \$400M to Governor's staff and legislative oversight committees; ensured efficient management of budget and oversight of 3,800 employees within the state.
- Saved the state millions of dollars annually by implementing an operational cost reduction of \$9 per inmate per day while simultaneously increasing facility safety and security.
- Introduced a system to measure the Department's results through the first department-wide strategic plan.
- Successfully led MinnCorr, the department's correctional industry, from a \$6M deficit to break-even by increasing sales to over \$30M while annually employing 1,200 offenders and serving 3,000 offenders respectively.
- Privatized the delivery of health care services for all facilities, resulting in annual savings of \$3M.
- Forged a partnership between the Department and Hazelden Treatment Center, resulting in the most widely used chemical dependency program for treatment of offenders in correctional facilities nationwide.
- Effectively collaborated with community leaders in areas of education, health care, female offenders, religious services, juvenile facilities, mental health, chemical dependency, job services, and re-entry to address the Department's issues and obtain ongoing advisory input.
- Established partnerships to fund Residential Inmate and Computers for Schools programs.
- Successfully acquired funding and technical assistance from federal government in areas of mental health, agency restructuring, chemical dependency, female offenders, and inmate management.
- Developed strong relationships with the state legislature, Department of Finance, and Governor's Office, resulting in successful lobbying efforts that pertained to budget, bonding, and policy.
- Recognized for creation of best practices in community services and restorative justice.
- Spearheaded reorganization of juvenile correctional facilities and created a mental health center for statewide use.

- Led the MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission to create sentencing policies, conduct public hearings, and appear before the legislature to communicate needs, implement policies, and fund budget.
- Created media outreach campaign to proactively partner with the press, radio, and television stations by hosting programs and open houses within the facilities.

Partner, Rider Bennett Law Firm

1986 - 1999

- Recognized by American Board of Trial Advocates for contributions to the civil justice system.
- Developed and executed litigation strategies for corporations and individuals nationwide.
- Served as General Counsel for Children’s Home Society of Minnesota for 14 years. Advised Board and executive team on strategic planning and budgeting, as well as legal ramifications of employment, contracts, real estate, and policy matters. Handled legislative lobbying and litigation for one of the state’s largest non-profit agencies.
- Resolved over 90% of disputed matters in employment, business, estate, and personal injury areas by developing and applying strong mediation skills.
- Taught course on the art of mediation at William Mitchell Law School and course on trial advocacy to lawyers at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in Illinois, Colorado, New York, Florida, and Minnesota.

EXPERIENCE PREVIOUS TO 1986:

Judge, Hennepin County Court, Minneapolis, MN

1982 - 1986

Assistant United States Attorney, District of Minnesota

1979 - 1982

Assistant Hennepin County Public Defender

1975 - 1978

NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS:

National Institute of Corrections, appointed by U.S. Attorney General (2004 - 2007 term)

National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, appointed by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (1999 - 2002 term)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis: Honorary Director, 2004-present; Board of Directors, 1984-2004; Vice-Chair, 1994-99; Chair, 1999-2001; Executive Committee Member, 1994-2004
- Union Gospel Mission: Board of Directors, 2006-Present (Strategic Planning Committee)
- Minnesota Prayer Breakfast Committee: Member, 2002-Present (Secretary)
- University of Minnesota: Women’s Intercollegiate Athletics: Advisory Council, 1986-1999; Chair, 1988-1990
College of Liberal Arts: Alumnus of Distinction, 2006
- ClearWay Minnesota Board of Directors, 2008 to Present
- Center for the Victims of Torture Board of Directors, 2008 to Present
- Sobriety High Foundation Board of Directors, 2008 to Present
- Project Elan Halfway House: Past Board Member
- Sharing & Caring Hands: Volunteer
- Downtown Council of Churches Meals for the Homeless: Volunteer

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND: Juris Doctorate (with honors)

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology