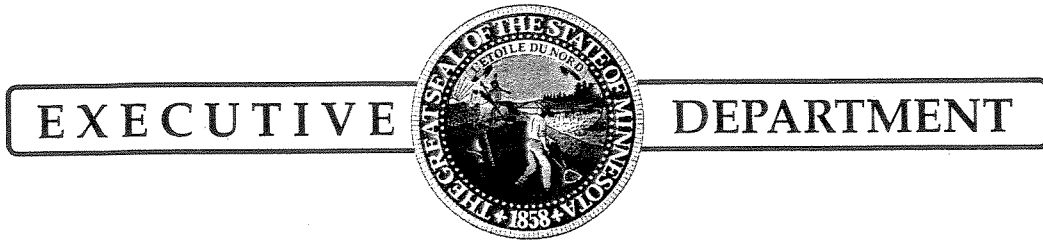


# STATE of MINNESOTA



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## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**DEBRA WILSON** RECEIVED

510 Grand Avenue, #202  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102  
County of Ramsey  
Congressional District Four

MAY 1 2009

President of the Senate

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**

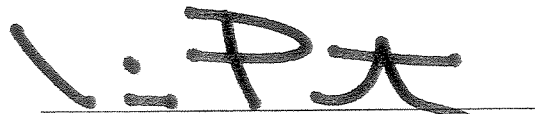
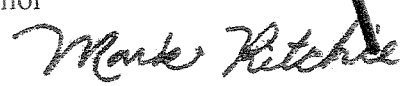
**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS**

Effective: May 6, 2009  
Term Expires: January 5, 2015

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, May 1, 2009.

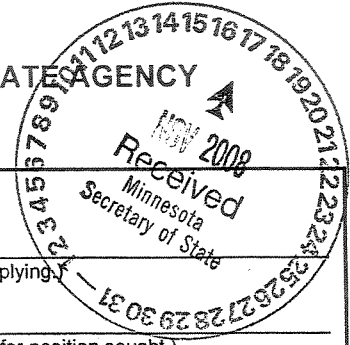


  
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Governor  
  
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Secretary of State

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: \* Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals  
(Name of board, council, commission or task force to which you are applying.)

Position Sought: Judge  
(Membership position sought or enter "member" if no specific requirements exist for position sought.)

Applicant Name: \* Debra Wilson  
(First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Mailing Address: \* 510 Grand Ave. #202 St. Paul MN 55102  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Work Phone: \* (651) 297-2518 Home Phone: (651) 699-4403

E-MAIL: \* Deb.wilson@state.mn.us

County: Ramsey MN House of Rep District: 64A U.S. House of Rep District: 4  
\* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes  No

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? YES  NO

**Please attach a current resume or a biographical statement containing work history, education, community activities, etc., and any other information the Applicant or Nominating Person feels would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.**

**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:  Female  Male      Political Party:  Democratic-Farmer-Labor  Independence  Republican  Other \_\_\_\_\_  No party preference

Disability:  Yes  No

Race\*:  African American / Black  American Indian / Alaska Native  Asian  Hispanic  Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  White  Other Race \_\_\_\_\_

National Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ (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.

Debra A. Wilson Nov. 17, 2008  
(Signature of Applicant)\* (Date)

\* If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor 11/19/08 \_\_\_\_\_

**DEBRA A. WILSON**

510 Grand Ave. #202, St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 699-4403 (h) (651) 297-2518 (w)

**EDUCATION**

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<b>J.D.</b> William Mitchell College of Law	1981
<b>M.A.</b> University of Minnesota	1973
<b>B.A.</b> Luther College	1971

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Appellate Judge</b> <i>Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals</i> I have authored more than 1000 appellate decisions and developed an instructional brochure for pro-se litigants.	1991-present
<b>Compensation Judge</b> <i>Office of Administrative Hearings</i> Served five years as a trial judge hearing workers' compensation cases.	1986-1991
<b>Attorney/Partner</b> <i>Fitch, Johnson, Larson and Walsh</i> Represented both employers and employees in workers' compensation matters.	1981-1986

**NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Teacher/Instructor/Coach</b> <i>Augsburg College, Lincoln High School, Luther College, Old Dominion University</i> I taught health and physical education and coached field hockey, tennis and basketball during my teaching/coaching career.	1973-1978
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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Lecturer:** Frequent lecturer at seminars regarding workers' compensation.

**Author:** Contributing author to *The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Deskbook, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Editions.*

**Moot Court Competition Judge.**

**Mentor in Wm. Mitchell Mentor Program.**

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**Memberships:** National Association of Women Judges , Minnesota Women Lawyers, Minnesota Bar Association , Ramsey County Bar Association.

**CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

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**ELL Tutor at Hmong American Partnership and F.I.R.E.**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Mentor for Everyone Wins!**

**Intake worker for Project Homeless Connect**

**Past board member of Ramsey Co. Master Gardeners**

**Past Guardian ad Litem, Ramsey Co. Family Court**

**Past council member of St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church**

**Past big sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of St. Paul**

**Past home visitor for St. Paul Block Nurse program**

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**REFERENCES**

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Chief Judge Edward Toussaint  
Minnesota Court of Appeals  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
651 297-1006

Hon. Marybeth Dorn  
Ramsey County Courthouse  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
651 266-8211

Hon. Richard C. Hefte  
(Retired) Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals  
2115 Sunny Drive  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537  
218 736-2032

Hon. Steven D. Wheeler  
Ramsey County Courthouse  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
651 266-8347

In addition, I would recommend that you speak with the judges that currently serve on the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals: Chief Judge Thomas Johnson, 651 296-2253; Hon. William Pederson, 651 297-2519; Hon. Miriam Rykken, 651 296-2454; and Hon. David Stofferahn, 651 297-1594.