

STATE OF MINNESOTA



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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Gary M. Hall

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County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

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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 office of:

JUDGE


WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS


Effective: March 14, 2012
Term Expires: January 4, 2016

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, February 27, 2012.





Governor


Secretary of State

Replacing: The Honorable William R. Pederson

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES**

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

* Indicates information that will appear on the Office of the Secretary of State web site: www.sos.state.mn.us
Part I: Tell us about the Position to which you are applying

Agency Name: Workers Compensation Court of Appeals
(Please write the Name of board, council, commission or taskforce to which you are applying.)

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

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Part II: Tell us about Yourself

Applicant Name: * Gary Hall
(First Name) (Last Name)

Preferred Mailing Address: * 4107 Wickah Street Sherwood MN 55126
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-MAIL: * gchall@adl.com

Work Phone: * (651) 284-5285

Home Phone: (651) 484-4369

County: Ramsey

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 and a cover letter that would demonstrate your interest and qualifications to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: 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 MN Stat §15.0597

Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Age: <u>59</u>	Disability: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Political Party: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Democratic-Farmer-Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Independence <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> No Party Preference <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race: (As listed on United State Census 2010) (Pick as many as apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African Am., or Negro <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other Race _____	

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

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) [Signature] (Date) 12-23-11

(Signature of Applicant) (* 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) 556-0643
Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgment of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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

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Lee Sheehy, Chairperson
Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. M.L.K., Jr. Drive
St. Paul, MN 55155

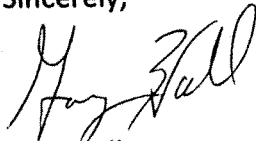
Dear Chairperson Sheehy:

Please accept this as my letter of interest for the position of Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge. I have also attached my current resume and my most recent judicial evaluation compiled by the Department of Administration.

I think you will find that I am well qualified for this position. I have experience in virtually every area of the workers' compensation system including over 20 years as a workers' compensation judge. I understand the proper role of a judge in our quasi-judicial system and have gained the respect of attorneys on both sides of the Bar for my even-handed approach. I have twice been asked to serve as Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, and during both tenures I have attempted to bring the same even-handedness to my role as administrator. It would be an honor to serve as a judge on the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and to contribute to yet another important part of the workers' compensation system in Minnesota.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application with the selection committee.

Sincerely,


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Summary

I am an experienced professional with more than 20 years' tenure as a Workers' Compensation Judge. I have a significant record of achievement at both the Department of Labor and Industry, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. I have specific experience with all levels of the dispute resolution system for Workers' Compensation claims. I have acquired considerable institutional knowledge for both agencies and the overall system. I was generally considered a competent and fair jurist by the parties who have appeared before me.

Education and Training

National Judicial College: Administrative Law/Fair Hearing Training: 1998

Admitted to the Minnesota Bar: October 15, 1982

University of Minnesota Law School....J.D: 1982 (Studied International Law in Paris during the summer of 1980)

University of Minnesota.....B.A. Sociology (with a Specialization in Criminal Justice Studies) Summa cum Laude: 1979

Professional Experience

2011-present Assistant Commissioner for Workers' Compensation and Workplace Safety (OSHA)/ Department of Labor and Industry

As Assistant Commissioner I was responsible for the operations of the Workers' Compensation and OSHA programs, and the over 230 employees, at the Department. My statutory duties included acting as Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, as an ex officio member of the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Self-Insurer's Security Fund Board of Trustees, the Workers' Compensation Medical Services Review Board, and the Workers' Compensation Rehabilitation Review panel. My duties also included facilitating meetings of the non-statutory Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force.

2003-2011 Workers' Compensation Judge/ Office of Administrative Hearings

As a Compensation Judge my duties included presiding over formal hearings, motion practice, approving settlement agreements and attorney fee petitions, and preparing written decisions and orders. During my years as a judge, I have written and issued hundreds of Decisions and thousands of Orders. The rate of appeal for my decisions was low in comparison to my fellow judges and reversals on appeal were rare. My judicial evaluations during this period were generally very positive.

2001-2003 Assistant Commissioner for Workers' Compensation/Department of Labor and Industry

As Assistant Commissioner I was responsible for the operations of the Workers' Compensation program at the Department. My statutory duties included acting as Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, as an ex officio member of the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Self-Insurer's Security Fund Board of Trustees, of the Workers' Compensation Medical Services Review Board, and of the Workers' Compensation Rehabilitation Review panel. The duties also included facilitating meetings of the non-statutory Workers' Compensation Insurers' Task Force.

1997-2001 Workers' Compensation Judge/ Office of Administrative Hearings

As a Compensation Judge my duties included presiding over formal hearings, motion practice, approving settlement agreements and attorney fee petitions, and preparing written decisions and orders in workers' compensation cases. The rate of appeal for my decisions was low in comparison to my fellow judges and reversals on appeal were rare. My judicial evaluations during this period were generally very positive.

1991-1997 Workers' Compensation Judge/MN Department of Labor and Industry

During this time period I was a compensation judge at the Department of Labor and Industry working as part of a unit of judges who specialized in alternative dispute resolution and which was known as the "settlement division". My duties included presiding over settlement conferences and mediations, motion practice, approving settlement agreements and attorney fee petitions, and preparing written decisions and orders in workers' compensation cases. This unit was later transferred to the Office of Administrative Hearings by the legislature.

1986-1991 Workers' Compensation Attorney/MN Department of Labor and Industry

As a Compensation Attorney my duties included providing legal advice to the Department staff on legal issues related to all areas of the Department. My duties included identification of problems or ambiguities in the law, review of Department procedures, proposing changes, assisting in implementing changes including the drafting of legislation and rules, and the representation of injured workers whose cases were handled by agency attorneys in the past. I also represented the agency in connection with the issuance of enforcement orders and in connection with penalty and certification disputes. I assisted agency staff and the Attorney General's Office in responding to discovery requests in pending litigation, both at the Office of Administrative Hearings and in District Court. I represented the Department in rulemaking proceedings. I represented the Special Compensation Fund in workers' compensation cases. And, I assisted agency staff and other attorneys in the Office of

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General Counsel in responding to legal issues raised by constituents in letters, in person, and by telephone to the Department.

1984-1986 Workers' Compensation Specialist/MN Department of Labor and Industry

As a Compensation Specialist my duties included reviewing and analyzing workers' compensation files for compliance with the governing workers' compensation statutes, rules of practice, case law and department/division policies. My duties also included taking action when necessary to ensure that proper indemnity, medical and rehabilitation benefits are provided to eligible claimants in a timely manner; invoking disciplinary action in cases involving specific violations of the workers' compensation statutes, rules of practice or case law, and issuing warnings and penalties when warranted. I was also charged with resolving objections to penalty assessments.

My duties also included conducting reviews of employer's and insurer's claims handling procedures to identify compliance issues, resolve disputes, and provide suggestions on ways of improving business processes. I provided training, gave advice, and made presentations to individuals or selected groups (internal staff and external stakeholders) to educate and to provide information about the Minnesota workers' compensation system in general.

1982-1984 Solo Law Practice

Practice limited to misdemeanors, simple wills, and some family law.

Professional Memberships and Community Activity

American Bar Association: Labor and Employment Law Section; National Conference of Specialized Court Judges.

Minnesota State Bar Association: Administrative Law Section; Labor & Employment Law Section.

Past Member: National Association of Hearing Officials.

Previously qualified and listed on ADR Neutral Roster.

Rosetown Playhouse Community Theater volunteer.

Moot Court volunteer

Charitable Cooking Competitions; participant and volunteer.

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References

Reference letters attached