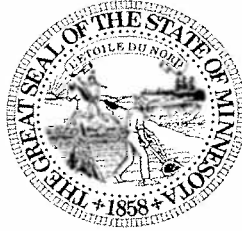


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Thomas G. Haluska

245 Minnesota Judicial Center
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155
County of Ramsey
Congressional District 4

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: September 20, 2013
Term Expires: January 2, 2017

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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, August 26, 2013.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

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Replacing: The Honorable George W. Perez

President of the Senate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency Name: Tax Court Position Sought: Judge
(Name of board, council, commission or task force.) (Membership position sought or enter "member".)

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant Name: Thomas Haluska Preferred Phone: (763) 639-7560
(First Name) (Last Name)
 Preferred Mailing Address: 10172 Elm Creek Trail N E-MAIL: thomas.haluska@gmail.com
(Preferred Mailing Address)
 County: Hennepin
 Champlin MN 55316 MN House of Rep Dist: 36A US House of Rep Dist: 3
(City) (State) (Zip) Find your districts by using the Poll Finder at:
<http://pollfinder.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 cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 7.

Sex: Female Male Age: 62 Disability: Yes No Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor Independence Republican No Party Preference Other _____ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Yes No

Race: African American or Black White or Caucasian American Indian or Alaska Native Other Race _____ Asian or Pacific Islander

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

Thomas Haluska
(Signature of Applicant)

July 3, 2013
(Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:
 Office of Secretary of State
 Open Appointments
 180 State Office Building
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Phone: (651) 297-5845
 Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us
 Online application:
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>

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

FOR OFFICE USE:

Sub by AA: _____
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 Trans Date: _____

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President of the Senate

July 3, 2013

Honorable Governor Mark Dayton
Governor's Office
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

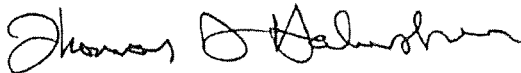
Re: Application of Thomas G. Haluska for Minnesota Tax Court vacancy

Governor Dayton:

It has been my privilege, as both a Navy veteran and as a 34 year employee of Anoka County, to work in the public sector for over 38 years. As an Assistant Anoka County Attorney, I have been able to develop not only my advocacy skills but also the ability to collaboratively resolve all manner of disputes to creatively reach solutions that meet the needs of the parties involved and that honors my responsibility to my office and to the taxpayers I serve.

I would be honored and privileged to be able to continue my public service to the State of Minnesota as a judge of the Minnesota Tax Court. I firmly believe that my education, background, experience and proven dedication to public service uniquely provides me with the skill set necessary to work collaboratively with the current members and staff of the Minnesota Tax Court to restore the confidence of the public and the members of the bar in the necessary service that the Tax Court provides to the State of Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

Thomas G. Haluska
10172 Elm Creek Trail N.
Champlin, MN 55316
763-639-7560
Thomas.haluska@gmail.com

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THOMAS G. HALUSKA
10172 Elm Creek Trail
Champlin, Minnesota 55316
(763) 639-7560
thomas.haluska@gmail.com

A seasoned professional with more than 30 years of public sector legal employment. Expert knowledge and significant experience with real estate tax issues and litigation of both tax and general civil matters. Demonstrated commitment to equity for landowners and taxpayers.

PROFESSIONAL

LICENSURE: Attorney licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in the State of Minnesota, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE: Anoka County Attorney's Office
Anoka, Minnesota 55303

Assistant County Attorney - Civil Division

Act as primary counsel for real estate tax appeals as well as primary counsel to all County departments in torts litigation, labor relations matters and contract disputes.

- Serve as general counsel to various County departments.
- Represent other counties and non-profit organizations in a broad range of legal matters including litigation when needed, based on potential conflicts of interest for the other jurisdiction or agency.
- Represent the county in federal and state courts as well as before administrative tribunals.
- Have made numerous presentations on property tax matters to both public and private bar groups as well as assessor groups.

October 1979 - Present

Assistant County Attorney currently responsible for:

- Real Estate Tax Appeals - representing the County in all real estate tax appeals involving Anoka County and its municipalities for the past twenty plus years, responsible for an average of more 350 cases/year. Served as counsel in approximately 43 disputes decided by the Minnesota Tax Court.
- Litigation - representing the County in tort litigation and providing advice in the area of risk management.
- Labor/Personnel - providing advice and counsel to managers throughout the county in handling a wide variety of employment issues; representing the County in EEOC and Minnesota Department of Human Rights complaints, arbitrations, and employment litigation.

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- **Prior duties:**
 - counsel on general legal matters to various departments
 - Anoka County Property Records and Taxation Department
 - Anoka County Administration
 - Anoka County Highway and Parks
 - Anoka County Corrections
 - Anoka County Human Services
 - Anoka County Human Resources
 - Anoka County Finance and Central Services
 - Anoka County Governmental Services
 - Anoka County Sheriff
 - Anoka County Library
 - representation in all civil forfeiture actions
 - conducted real estate title work
 - handled complete litigation process relating to condemnation proceedings
 - provided legal advice and handled litigation relating to Social Service programs
 - assisted in union contract negotiations
 - drafted ordinances
 - felony and misdemeanor prosecution
 - responsible for bid and contract preparation for all County departments except Social Services
 - negotiate contracts and joint powers agreements
 - advised on compliance with federal regulations pertaining to various County departments
 - advised the County Board on various legal matters
 - child support collection including child support hearings and paternity trials from Oct. 1979 to April 1981
 - law clerk from June 1977 to Oct. 1979 with primary responsibility in child support collection including child support hearings and paternity trials

**Mediation Center
301 Fourth Avenue So,
Suite 670 North Minneapolis, MN 55415-1019**

Mediator

September 1984 - 1993

- Contract mediator working with the Hennepin County Mediation Project and providing mediation services for Minnesota Department of Human Rights complaints.

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**MILITARY
SERVICE:**

United States Navy

February 1969 – 1972

Honorably Discharged – December 1972

- Finished my tour of duty as an instructor/supervisor in a naval aviation training squadron on computerized weapon delivery systems.

EDUCATION: Legal

- University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, J.D., June 1979
- Notre Dame Summer Program, London, England, Summer 1978

Undergraduate

- University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Bachelor of Science in Business, With Distinction, June 1976

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, June 1976

Beta Gamma Sigma, National Scholastic Honor Society in the field of Business Administration

SERVICE:

- Committee member of the Minnesota State Bar Rules of Professional Conduct Committee.
- Past board member of the local chapter of Los Amigos de las Americas
- Past soccer coach in various local soccer leagues

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