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Executive Department



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President of the Senate

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Scott Fischer

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

Public Member

Board on Judicial Standards

Effective: April 5, 2022

Expires: January 5, 2026

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 March 31, 2022.



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Tim Walz

Governor

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Steve Simon

Secretary of State

Replacing: Carol Cummins

Filed March 31, 2022
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

CURRICULUM VITAE

Scott A. Fischer, Ph.D., ABPP, L.P.
Acumen Psychology
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Education:

1995 Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Oregon
1992-93 APA Pre-Doctoral Internship, Yale University School of Medicine
1989 M.S. Clinical Psychology, University of Oregon
1985 B.A. Psychology, University of Denver

Licensure and Certification:

Minnesota License:	LP4186, September, 1999
Qualified Neutral Under Minnesota Rule 114:	ID# 4990, August, 2009
Board Certified in Forensic Psychology:	October 2018

Professional Positions:

Psychologist: Acumen Psychology, Private Practice, Saint Paul Minnesota
October 2002 to present

Forensic practice includes work in criminal and family court. Criminal court work includes psychological evaluations, including pre-sentence investigations, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, certification to stand trial as an adult, psychosexual evaluations and family court matters. Family court work includes psychological evaluations, custody evaluations, consultation, and early neutral evaluations. Clinical practice includes psychotherapy with adolescents and adults, clinical assessments including personality and intelligence testing. Provide supervision and consultation on ethical issues. Provide "2nd opinions" and critiques of the work of other experts.

Consulting Psychologist: Family, Adolescents, and Children Therapy Services (FACTS)
May 2011 to May 2013

Consult with clinicians at regular staff meetings regarding client care, diagnosis and case formulation, and ethical issues. Complete psychological evaluations on parents and children, including interview, psychological testing, record review and consultation with families and clinicians.

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Psychologist: Human Services Incorporated, Oakdale Minnesota (Now Canvas Health)
April, 2000 to May 2015

Conduct psychological assessments, including personality and intelligence testing as well as forensic assessments, including custody-related assessment, child protection matters, pre-sentence investigations, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, certification to stand trial as an adult. Provide written reports and consultation to clinicians and court personnel. Testify in court. Participate in intern training at APA accredited doctoral internship site. Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children. Primary supervisor for pre-doctoral intern from 2006-2011.

Supervisor, Mediation and Custody Solutions Program: Human Services Incorporated, Oakdale Minnesota:

July 2009 to April 2011

Responsible for development of a new program, providing family court services including mediation, custody evaluations, parenting consulting, and parenting time expediting. Provide some direct service in these areas as well as court testimony. Responsible for clinical and administrative supervision of program.

Instructor: University of Minnesota

January 2008 to May 2008

Co-teach graduate level class in psychological assessment to Ph.D. students. Course includes interviewing, psychological test administration and interpretation, report writing, and providing feedback about assessments.

Psychologist: Maplewood Psychological Associates, Maplewood, Minnesota

September, 1999 to 2005

Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children, including family and couples therapy. Conducted psychological assessments, including administering, interpreting, and communicating results of psychological tests.

Psychologist: Community Counseling Center, La Plata, Maryland

June, 1997 to September, 1999

Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children, including family and couples therapy. Conducted psychological assessments, including administering, interpreting, and communicating results of psychological tests. Conducted forensic assessments for local courts and social services agencies and testified as an expert witness.

Consultant: Law Enforcement Assessment Center, Rockville, Maryland

June, 1997 to September, 1999

Interviewed and provided psychological evaluations of applicants for police and correctional officer positions for several local agencies. Conducted fitness-for-duty evaluations.

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Instructor: College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, Maryland

January, 1996 to June, 1999

Taught introductory psychology and life-span development courses.

Psychology Associate: Community Counseling Center, La Plata, Maryland

March, 1995 to June, 1997

Under supervision of a licensed psychologist, conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and children. Conducted psychological assessments.

Psychotherapist: Current Treatment Center, Stafford, Virginia

April, 1994 to March, 1995

Under supervision of a licensed psychologist, conducted individual and group psychotherapy. Conducted psychological assessments. Participated in treatment team meetings/group supervision.

Psychology Fellow: Yale University School of Medicine

July, 1992 to June, 1993

Completed APA accredited internship. Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and children in individual, group, and family contexts in an outpatient mental health clinic. Secondary placement in community psychology.

Instructor: University of Oregon, Eugene Oregon

Summer 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, Spring, 1990

Taught several undergraduate courses, including introductory psychology, statistics, and research methods.

Membership and Positions in Professional Organizations:

American Psychological Association, 1995 to present

Division 41-Psychology and the Law

Maryland Psychological Association, 1997 to 1999

Southern Maryland Psychological Association 1995 to 1999

Secretary, 1997

Vice-President, 1998

Minnesota Psychological Association 1999 to present

Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee 2002 to 2008

Associate Chair 2005-2006

Chair 2007-2008

Minnesota Board of Psychology, July 2012 to December 2019

Chair Professional Responsibility Examination Committee 2012 to 2019

Chair Complaint Resolution Committee II 2014 to 2019

Vice Chair of Board 2014

Chair of Board 2015 to 2018

American Psychological Association Ethics Committee 2020

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Other Professional Activities and Lay Presentations:

Alternatives for Youth Foster Care Program:

Balancing Responsibilities as a Foster Parent, March, 1999

Alternatives for Youth:

Stress and Stress Management, January, 1999

Hospice of Charles County:

Stress and Stress Management, February, 1998

Minnesota Guardian ad litem Training:

Forensic Evaluations for Family Court

The Consultation Center, New Haven Connecticut:

Workshops on Stereotyping/Labeling, New Haven Public Schools, 1993

Consultant to New Haven Police Department, 1992-1993

University of Oregon Department of Psychology:

Graduate Education Committee, September, 1989 to June, 1990

Student Representative to Faculty Meetings, September, 1990 to June, 1991

Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 1991

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Consciousness and Brain Circuitry:

Neurocognitive Systems Which Mediate Subjective Experience, Peter G.

Grossenbacher, ed., 1996

Reviewer, American Psychology and Law Society, 2016

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Professional Presentations and Publications:

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Andrews, J.A., Langhinrichsen, J., Lewinsohn, P.M., & Fischer, S.A. (1989). Suicidal ideation and attempts among adolescents.

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Behnke, S., Panciera, L., Fischer, S., & Pearson, T. (2007) APA ethics in action:

Minnesota experts discuss mandated reporting, confidentiality, and forensic psychology. Minneapolis MN

Berberogolu, L., Fischer, S., Fischler, G., Lebow, A., Maude-Griffin, P., Panciera, L., Phipps-Yonas, S., & Wright, L. (2004). Comparing the 1992 and 2002 APA Ethical Principles: What's new? Presentation to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association.

Fischer, S.A. (2020). Understanding the role of bias in clinical, forensic, and legal settings. American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies, Bloomington MN. Presented virtually

Fischer, S. A. (2020). Family court evaluations and telehealth technology. Annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. Presented virtually.

- Fischer, S.A. (2020). Mental health experts and testimony in family court. Acumen Consulting and Education, St. Paul MN. Presented virtually.
- Fischer, S.A. (2020). A primer on psychological testing in forensic contexts. American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies, Bloomington MN. On demand webinar.
- Fischer, S.A. (2019). Introductory topics in forensic psychology: overview of the field, getting started, and tips for the reluctant forensic psychologist. Minnesota Psychological Association First Friday Forum, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2019). The role of your client's therapy in the family court process. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2011). Understanding and making use of mental health testimony in family court. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2010). Understanding and making use of mental health testimony in family court. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2007). Understanding and making use of psychological evaluations. Presentation to the annual meeting of Minnesota Family Based Services Organization.
- Fischer, S.A. (1998). Problems and solutions in psychotherapy with adolescents. Presentation to Southern Maryland Psychological Association, Mechanicsville, MD
- Fischer, S.A. (1996). Short-term psychodynamic psychotherapy. Presentation to Southern Maryland Psychological Association, Mechanicsville, MD
- Fischer, S.A. (1989). Characteristics of non-depressed suicidal ideators. Symposium at the annual meeting of the Oregon Psychological Association, Newport, Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. (1989). Factors beyond depression related to suicidal ideation in adolescents. Unpublished Master's thesis, University of Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. (1995). Development and evaluation of group cognitive behavioral therapy for depressed and suicidal adolescents. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. & Panciera, L. (2007). The MPA Ethics Committee: Highlights for the ethical challenges of 2006. Presentation to annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association.

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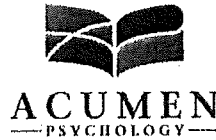
- Fischer, S.A., Helminski, J.F., Grossman, D.E. & Wick, S.M. (2000). Collaborative practice between primary care physicians and psychologists. Presentation at Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater, MN
- Kenning, M, Barnes, A., Fischer, S., Nestingen, S., and Alberg, T. (2016). Who you gonna call? A side by side presentation by the MPA ethics committee and the MN board of psychology on ethics in practice and board practices in investigating complaints. Presentation to Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.
- Lewinsohn, P.M., Rohde, P., Seeley, J.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1991). Age and depression: Unique and shared effects. Psychology and Aging.
- Lewinsohn, P.M., Rohde, P., Seeley, J.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1993). Age-cohort changes in the lifetime occurrence of depression and other mental disorders. Journal of Abnormal Psychology.
- Sands, S., McLeod, R., Renninger, S. & Fischer S. (2019). Looking Ahead at Supervision: Post-doctoral requirements and board related processes. Minnesota Board of Psychology Continuing Education Conference
- Schoener, G.R., Rush, J., Fischer, S. A., Niemi, A., & Kautzer, E. (2014). Ethics in the Cloud: Emerging ethical issues for mental health professionals and family law attorneys. Presentation to Minnesota Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Zuckerman, M., Fischer, S.A., Osmun, R.W., & Winkler, B.A. (1987). Anchoring in lie detection revisited. Journal of Non-verbal Behavior.
- Zuckerman, M., Colwell, E.L., Darche, P.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1988). Attributions as inferences and explanations: Effects on discounting. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
- Zuellig, A., Fischer, S., & Bobbitt, B. (2019). Who makes the rules?: The differing roles of rules, statutes, and ethical principles in guiding professional conduct. Presentation to annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association, Minneapolis MN.

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February 3, 2022

To Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards

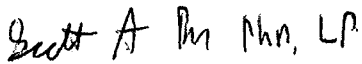
I am writing this letter to apply for the public member position on the Minnesota Board of Judicial Standards. I heard about the opening from Sara Boeshans, staff attorney, with whom I worked during my tenure on the Minnesota Board of Psychology. I am comfortable and experienced with regulatory boards, have a background in professional ethics, and am keenly interested in the integrity of the judicial system.

I am a forensic psychologist in private practice in St. Paul. My work regularly brings me into close contact with the legal system. I testify frequently and regularly present CLE programs. These experiences pique my interest in the position and reflect a background that would bring value to your board.

I have previous regulatory board experience and other relevant committee experiences. I served on the Minnesota Board of Psychology between 2012 and 2019 and was the chair from 2015-2018. I am also a past chair of the Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee and a current member of the American Psychological Association Ethics Committee.

I hope that you will consider my application to the public member position on the Board of Judicial Standards. If you have any questions about my qualifications or interest, feel free to contact me at 651-260-6602.

Sincerely


Scott A. Fischer, Ph.D., L.P., ABPP

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board on Judicial Standards

Position: Public Member

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Scott Fischer Phd, Lp

Phone: (651) 354-3371

County: Washington

Mn House District: 43A

US House District: 4

Recommended by the Appointing Authority: True

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

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Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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Part V: Signature

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