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### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

## Patricia J. Milun

405 Minnesota Judicial Center 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 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 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

Effective: January 18, 2017 Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority, or by any law of this State.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 13, 2017.



Governor

Secretary of State

## OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON MINNESOTA

STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS OR TASK FORCES

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

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.)

Part I: Position Sought Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)	
Agency Name: Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Name of board, council, commission or task force	Position: Judge  Membership position sought or enter "member"
Part II: Applicant Information Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)	
Name: Patricia Milun First Last	Phone: ( 651 ) 247 - 0710
Mailing Address: 2452 Morson Circle	Email:pmilun@comcast.net  County:Dakota
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Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes No	Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your application? Yes No
Attach a cover letter, 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.  Gender: Age: Disability: Political Party: Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Female X Yes Democratic-Farmer-Labor origin: Independence Yes Republican No Party Preference Other Other	
Race: African American or Black (Check as many American Indian or Alaska Native Asian or Pacific Islander	White or Caucasian 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. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)	
Mail or Submit In Person: Office of Secretary of State Open Appointments 180 State Office Bullding 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155-1299  Phone: (651) 297-5845  Email: open.appointments@state.m Online application: http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.as	applications; the paper is the paper in the paper in the paper is the paper in the paper is the paper in the paper is the paper in the

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Dear Governor Dayton,

I have been honored and privileged to serve the people of Minnesota as the Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals for the past five and one-half years. From my experience I know that serving as the WCCA Chief Judge is a challenging job and a serious responsibility.

Currently, we have a cohesive court with highly qualified judges and we are making strides to become an even better court. Under my direction, the WCCA has successfully implemented a pilot program for e-filing and e-service of agency records in cases appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court. We have also entered into an interagency agreement known as the Odyssey fund to develop a paperless case management system which will provide us with a common interface and streamlined e-filing with the Department of Labor and Industry and the Office of Administrative Hearings. I have also advanced the initiatives for providing meaningful work for persons with disabilities through the use of outside vendors such as Ally Business Solutions.

Recently there have been new challenges on the interpretation of the Workers' Compensation laws and I believe the court is well positioned to address these challenges. My past experience and record demonstrate that I am a judge who works hard and makes sound and fair decisions on behalf of the people of Minnesota.

I am, therefore, enthusiastically applying for reappointment to this position. I would be greatly honored to serve another term.

Sincerely,

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#### HOME ADDRESS:

2452 Morson Circle Mendota Heights, MN 55120 (612) 683-0075

#### EXPERIENCE:

Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, 2011 to present

Workers' Compensation and Administrative Law Judge, State of Minnesota, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1998 – 2011

On disputed issues in workers compensation cases I conduct record hearings and make findings of fact and apply the applicable law. I issue final decisions on the merits. Final decisions may be appealed to the Workers Compensation Court of Appeals.

Since 2004 complaints under the Fair Campaign Practice and Campaign Finance Act are heard at the Office of Administrative Hearings. I sit as one of the Administrative Law Judges in a three judge panel for evidentiary hearings under that Act.

# Chief Workers' Compensation Settlement Judge, State of Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry, 1994

As Chief Judge for the Settlement Division of the Workers' Compensation Court, I had supervisory responsibility for twelve judges. In addition to the overall supervision and administration of the Court, my responsibilities included the preparation of the budget for the unit and the tracking of key legislation.

Workers' Compensation Judge, State of Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry, 1993 -1998

This position existed to evaluate workers' compensation claims; to conduct settlement and administrative conferences, hearings and to make judicial determinations and issue orders involving procedure and substantive issues in the workers' compensation claims.

Workers' Compensation Trial Attorney with Larsen, Heck, Klimek & Powell, 1987 -1992
In this "captive counsel" law firm for Employers' Insurance of Wausau, I was responsible for a case load of over a hundred litigation workers' compensation cases. In handling these negotiations, I was responsible for the pleadings, discovery, investigation, medical work-up, negotiations, settlement conferences, pretrial, trial and appellate work on each file.

#### EDUCATION:

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota Degree Conferred: Juris Doctor, 1985 Activities: Law Review College of St. Benedict's, St. Joseph, Minnesota Degree Conferred: B.A., 1981 Major: Political Science

Major: Political Science SJU Honors Student

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND LICENSES:

Admitted to practice law in the State of Minnesota
Formerly admitted to practice law before the federal courts
Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
Member, Dakota County Bar Association
Member, Ramsey County Bar Association
Member, Minnesota Women Lawyers

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Past Member, Hennepin County Bar Association Co-chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association, 1995 - 1998 Guest Speaker at:

- Law and Politics
- Reinsurance Association
- Continuing Legal Education Programs

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy & Civic Engagement mentor program 2012, 2013
Speaker at the National Association of Hearing Officers 2013
University of St. Thomas law school Moot Court judge 2013
Judge in the ABA Law Student Division Region 7 Negotiation Competition 2013
Board of Trustee at the Convent of the Visitation School 2011 to 2016
Volunteer/Mentor for Everybody Wins Program 2011 to 2016
Panelist at the 2013 Workers' Compensation Summit
Speaker at the 2015 Workers' Compensation Summit: Electronic Medical Records
University of St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Externship Program 2015 to present



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## Breems, Nancy (OSS)

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Milun, Patty (WCCA)

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'pmilun@comcast.net'

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Application for Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge

Attachments:

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Attached in pdf. form is my application for the position of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge posted from the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State today, November 7, 2016.

Patricia J. Milun | Chief Judge Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Minnesota Judicial Center | 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | St. Paul, MN | 55155 Voice (651) 539-1200 | Fax (651) 539-1212 Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals