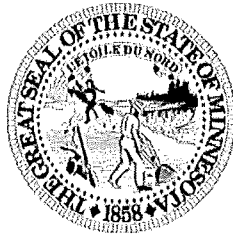


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**Governor Tim Walz**

President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**David A. Stofferahn**

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: February 3, 2021

Expires: January 4, 2027

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 January 29, 2021.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Reappointment

Filed on January 29, 2021  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon

1032 Goodrich Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105

November 2, 2020

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon  
60 Empire Dr #100  
St. Paul, MN 55103

To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying for reappointment as a judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals. My experience and knowledge make me uniquely qualified for the position.

I have served on the court since 2002. In that time I have written over 460 opinions, covering every aspect of workers' compensation law. Additionally, I have been on the panel in 600 more opinions written by my colleagues. In the last two years, I have authored 20 opinions dealing with issues such as Edquist fees, scope of a settlement, withdrawal from the labor market, causation of PTSD, fall on stairs as arising out of employment, and Indian tribal sovereignty. Six of those opinions from the last two years were appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court and five were affirmed.

I enjoy this work and my strengths in writing, analysis, and communication allow me to excel in the duties of an appeals judge. I would like to continue to use these skills by working for the people of Minnesota at this position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Stofferahn".

David Stofferahn

# David Stofferahn

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## Professional Experience:

Judge, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, 2002 – present

- Appointed to complete a partial term by Gov. Jesse Ventura – April 8, 2002
- Reappointed 2004 by Gov. Tim Pawlenty
- Reappointed 2008 by Gov. Tim Pawlenty
- Reappointed 2015 by Gov. Mark Dayton

This court handles appeals of workers' compensation decisions from the Office of Administrative Hearings. I review official trial records, attorney legal memoranda, listen to oral arguments, analyze legal issues and discuss with colleagues, and write legal decisions. Since 2002, I have written over 460 decisions.

Attorney, Sieben, Grose, VonHoltum & Carey, October 1976 – April 2002

I represented injured workers in workers' compensation and Social Security disability claims. I tried hundreds of workers' compensation cases at the Office of Administrative Hearings, and handled numerous appeals at the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Minnesota Supreme Court.

## Education:

Worthington High School, Worthington, Minnesota, 1965  
B.A., University of Minnesota, 1969  
J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, Cum Laude, 1976

## **Military Service:**

United States Navy 1970 – 1972

I was commissioned in June 1970 and assigned to Naval Investigative Service - Norfolk, Virginia, where I was an investigator and analyst.

## **Bar Admission:**

State of Minnesota, 1976, Attorney Registration No. 105788

## **Professional Recognition:**

The Best Lawyers in America, Woodward/White: 1995-1996 edition, 1996-1997 edition, 1997-1998 edition, 1999-2000 edition, 2000-2001 edition, 2001-2002 edition

Leading Lawyers in Minnesota, Super Lawyers, Law and Politics, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

## **Presentations/Publications:**

1. "Preparing the Workers' Compensation Case," Workers' Compensation Seminar, September 1981, Minnesota CLE
2. "Workers' Compensation," Legal Assistant Symposium, March 12, 1982, Minnesota CLE
3. "Disability Schedules," Workers' Compensation Seminar, November 4, 1983, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association
4. "Workers' Compensation Practice Under the Current Law and Rules: Representing the Employee," Workers' Compensation Practice in Minnesota, February 1984, Minnesota CLE
5. "Maximum Medical Improvement and Suitable Job Offer," Handling Disputes Over Workers' Compensation Benefits, May 1985, Minnesota CLE
6. "Old Law/New Law Conflicts – Plaintiff's Perspective," Workers' Compensation 1986, March 1986, Minnesota CLE
7. "Workers' Compensation Case Law Update," Critical Issues in Workers' Compensation Practice, February 1987, Minnesota CLE
8. "Significant New Case Decisions 1986 & 1987," The 1987 Workers' Compensation Law, June 1987, Minnesota CLE
9. "Evaluating Workers' Compensation Cases," Efficient Workers' Compensation Practice, September 1989, Minnesota CLE
10. "Pressure Points of the Two Tier System," Workers' Compensation Institute, February 1990, Minnesota CLE

11. "Workers' Compensation Benefit System," Workers' Compensation Practice in Minnesota, September 1990, Minnesota CLE
12. "Workers' Compensation Appeals," Workers' Compensation Law & Practice, March 1991, Minnesota CLE
13. "Permanent Partial Disability," Understanding Minnesota Workers' Compensation, October 1991, MILE
14. "Cross Examining the Vocational Expert," Working With Vocational Experts, February 1992, MILE
15. "Conferences at the Department," Workers' Compensation, June 1992, MILE
16. "Summary of the 1992 Legislative Amendments," Understanding Minnesota Workers' Compensation, October 1992, MILE
17. "Temporary Total Disability" and "Temporary Partial Disability," Workers' Compensation Deskbook, 1993 edition, Minnesota CLE
18. "Permanent Partial Disability: A New Road Map," Understanding Minnesota Workers' Compensation, October 1993, MILE
19. "Permanent Partial Disability: A Status Report" and "Attorneys and Their Fees," Understanding Minnesota Workers' Compensation, October 1994, MILE
20. "Arguing an Economic Recovery Claim," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 1995, Minnesota CLE
21. "Cross-Examination of the Vocational Expert," Litigating Spinal Cord Injuries, Mark Kosieradski, editor, Wiley Law Publications, 1995
22. "Social Security and Settlements," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 1996, Minnesota CLE
23. "Temporary Total Disability," Workers' Compensation Deskbook, 2d edition, 1997, Minnesota CLE
24. "Permanent Total Disability," Workers' Compensation Seminar, February 1999, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association
25. "Attorneys' Fees in a Post-Irwin World," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 2000, Minnesota CLE
26. "Apportionment," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 2001, Minnesota CLE
27. "Current Issues in Temporary Total Disability," Workers' Compensation Deskbook Seminar, September 2001, Minnesota CLE
28. "Procedures in the Workers' Compensation System," Workers' Compensation in Minnesota, October 2002, Lorman Education Services
29. "Things That I Know Now That I Wish I Knew Then," Workers' Compensation Deskbook Seminar, November 2002, Minnesota CLE
30. "What It Takes to Win (and Defeat) a Petition to Vacate," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 2005, Minnesota CLE
31. "Flashpoints in Workers' Compensation," Workers' Compensation Institute, March 2006, Minnesota CLE
32. "Roraff Fees: When Do They End?" Workers' Compensation Institute, April 2009, Minnesota CLE
33. Judges' Panel, 2013 Workers' Compensation Summit, September 2013, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

34. "How to Win at the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals," Workers' Compensation Institute, April 2014, Minnesota CLE
35. Judges' Panel, 2015 Workers' Compensation Summit, May 2015, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

**Other:**

"Everybody Wins" Reading Program, volunteer reader, 2002 – 2015

University of St. Thomas Law School Mentorship Program, mentor 2003 - present