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**Governor Tim Walz**

President of the Senate

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Deborah K. Sundquist**

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

**Tim Walz**  
Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State



Reappointment

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

# DEBORAH SUNDQUIST

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Governor Tim Walz

November 10, 2020

130 State Capitol

75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

St. Paul MN 55155

Re: Judge Position on the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals

Dear Governor,

I have had the honor of serving the people of Minnesota as a judge on the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals since 2015. I submit my application to you seeking appointment for a second term.

Before becoming a judge, I practiced law for 26 years. As an attorney primarily representing Minnesota employers, I litigated every conceivable kind of workers' compensation case. This training gave me understanding of how our court's decisions would impact employers throughout Minnesota. As the daughter of a union mechanic for Northwest Airlines, I learned compassion for those affected by strikes, layoffs, and job loss due to circumstances beyond their control. This taught me to understand how our court's decisions would impact Minnesota workers. My education, some of it spent in Cairo, Egypt, gave me pause and gratitude for our government's ability to work for its citizens, and an understanding of the richness of other cultures. My service as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves taught me how to lead by serving others. Together, my experiences give me the necessary balance to weigh each issue and the knowledge to get it right.

I am energetic, kind, and have a strong work ethic. I will continue to deliver well-reasoned decisions and to contribute to Minnesota's community if selected to serve Minnesota as a judge on the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals.

Reference letters will be included under separate cover. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

*Deborah K. Sundquist*

Deborah K. Sundquist



**DEBORAH SUNDQUIST**  
JUDGE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
COURT OF APPEALS

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**EXPERIENCE**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS**

MARCH 2015 TO PRESENT.

JUDGE. One of five judges on an executive branch Minnesota appellate court hearing cases and writing decisions impacting Minnesotans under the Workers' Compensation Act.

**AAFEDT, FORDE, GRAY, MONSON & HAGER, P.A.**

JUNE 1999 TO MARCH 2015

ATTORNEY/SHAREHOLDER. Litigator of workers' compensation issues representing Minnesota employers. Management on firm marketing, hiring, and financial committees. Mentored attorneys and law clerks. Trained employers and insurance companies on handling of claims. Lecturer for multiple CLEs. Co-chair selected for Workers' Compensation Institute. Co-chair of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers' Association Workers' Compensation section.

**CIGNA INSURANCE COMPANY**

1994 TO 1999

SENIOR ATTORNEY. In-house counsel litigator for CIGNA insureds. Litigated cases before the Office of Administrative Hearings on Workers' Compensation matters. Argued before the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Minnesota Supreme Court.

**MEAGHER GEER, PLLP**

1990 TO 1994

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY. Litigated civil and workers' compensation issues representing insurers, employers and employees. Successfully tried cases and argued appellate cases before the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Minnesota Supreme Court. Named Associate of the Year.

**U.S. ARMY RESERVES**

1990 TO 1993

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL. Trained at Fort Lee, Virginia and obtained weapons qualification. Represented U.S. in administrative removal proceedings, trained and educated soldiers on legal issues relevant in military service, processed soldiers for overseas mobilization during Operation Desert Storm and the Gulf War.

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**DEBORAH SUNDQUIST**  
JUDGE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
COURT OF APPEALS

**SUNDQUIST LAW OFFICE**

1988 TO 1990

**ATTORNEY.** Represented plaintiff and employee clients in civil and workers' compensation litigation. Researched relevant case law, assisted in marketing development for law firm.

**EDUCATION**

**WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW**

JURIS DOCTOR. 1988.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

BACHELOR OF ARTS. POLITICAL SCIENCE. MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES MINOR. 1985.

**LEADERSHIP**

**CHAIR.** Minnesota Defense Lawyers' Association. WC Section.

**CO-CHAIR.** Workers' Compensation Institute.

**LECTURER AND AUTHOR.** Minnesota CLEs from 2000 to present.

**AUTHOR.** Chapter. Minnesota Workers' Comp. Desk Book.

**SUPER LAWYER.** Named Minnesota Super Lawyer, Top 100 Minnesota Women Lawyers, and Top 40 Workers' Compensation Lawyers.

**JUDGE.** Mock trial competition. Minnesota High School League.

**MENTOR.** St. Paul Schools At-Risk Youth Program.

**MENTOR.** Interns for WCCA.

**MEMBER.** National Association of Women Judges.

**VOLUNTEER.** Everybody Wins! Minnesota. Reading to children.

**LEADER.** Roseville Lutheran Church Confirmation.

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE AVAILABLE**