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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KASBOHM TO FORENSIC LABORATORY ADVISORY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Lieutenant Brian Kasbohm, commander of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory, to the Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board.

Prior to becoming commander of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory, Kasbohm, of Chanhassen, held positions of laboratory supervisor, crime scene section supervisor, bloodstain pattern analyst, as well as over a decade of experience in the crime scene and latent fingerprint sections of the crime lab. He was also the project manager for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory accreditation with the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. Kasbohm is a member of the American Society of Crime Lab Directors, Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers, and International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts. Kasbohm is appointed to a position for an individual with expertise in the field of forensic science and will serve a four-year term that expires on July 1, 2010.

The Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board was created by the Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2006, Chapter 260, Article 3) to develop and implement a reporting system through which laboratories, facilities, or entities that conduct forensic analyses report negligence or misconduct that substantially affects the integrity of the forensic results committed by employees or contractors; encourage reporting of misconduct; investigate allegations of misconduct; and encourage laboratory accreditation with the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. The board consists of 12 members, including one appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MORUD TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Rollie Morud, Ed. D., to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC).

Morud, of Bemidji, is an educational consultant. He previously served as assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) from 2004 to 2006, during which he was the MDE representative to the GWDC. He was superintendent of schools with the Bemidji Area School District from 1995 to 2004, superintendent of the Dickinson (North Dakota) Public School District from 1990 to 1995, superintendent of the New Town (North Dakota) Public School District from 1980 to 1988, and served in the West Fargo (North Dakota) Public Schools as administrative assistant to the superintendent (1973-1980), and a math teacher (1970 to 1973). Morud was named North Dakota Superintendent of the Year in 1993. Morud earned his doctor of education from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1990. Morud replaces Beverly O'Connor on the GWDC as a representative of school-based service learning for a three-year term that expires on June 30, 2009.

The Governor's Workforce Development Council coordinates the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system and Minnesota youth services programs. The council consists of 32 members, including 28 appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LARSON TO MINNESOTA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Cal Larson to the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission.

Larson, of Fergus Falls, just concluded serving as a member of the Minnesota Senate from District 10. He served in the Senate since 1987, and was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1967 to 1975. Larson was a Senate appointee to the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission when the commission was created last year. An independent insurance broker by profession, Larson has served as chair of the Concordia College Board of Regents, and is a past president of the Fergus Falls Rotary. Larson replaces Polly Fry on the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission to fill an unscheduled vacancy for a Governor's appointee.

The Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission was created by the 2005 Legislature to plan for activities relating to Minnesota's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood, which is May 11, 2008. The commission consists of 17 members, including nine appointed by the Governor representing major corporate, non-profit, and public sectors of the state, selected from all parts of the state. The commission expires on December 31, 2008.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SWEDBERG TO ZOO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joe Swedberg to the Minnesota Zoological Board.

Swedberg, of Austin, is the corporate vice president of legislative affairs and marketing services for Hormel Foods Corporation in Austin, a position he has held since 2003. He began his career with Hormel Foods in 1981, and has held a variety of positions over the years in Colorado, Texas, and Illinois, as well as Minnesota. Swedberg is the immediate past chairman of the Board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, is vice chair of the Board of Minnesota Agri-Growth, and a member of the Students in Free Enterprise Board, Advisory Leadership Circle for the Southeastern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, and the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission. He also served on Governor Pawlenty's Livestock and Siting Task Forces and is past president of the Austin YMCA Board of Directors. Swedberg replaces Michael McCoy on the Zoo Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Minnesota Zoological Board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The board consists of 30 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor and 15 appointed by the Zoo Board.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO JUDICIAL SELECTION COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Eric J. Magnuson as Chair, and the appointment of 26 members to the Commission on Judicial Selection. Governor Pawlenty's appointees are:

Richard Breen, of Brainerd, is an attorney and partner in the Brainerd law firm of Breen and Person. Breen, who has been a member of the commission since 1999, is reappointed as a Ninth Judicial District attorney member.

Leonardo Castro, of White Bear Township, is the Fourth Judicial District Chief Public Defender in Hennepin County. Castro, who has been an at-large Governor-appointed attorney member of the commission since 2002, and was a Supreme Court-appointed Fifth Judicial District attorney member prior to that, is reappointed to another term.

Marcus Christianson, of Mankato, is an attorney with the Mankato law firm of Maschka, Riedy and Ries. Christianson, who has been a member of the commission sine 2003, is reappointed as a Fifth Judicial District attorney member.

Loyola Colebeck, of Rochester, is a co-owner of a small business in Rochester and a community volunteer. Colebeck replaces Jean Michaels as an at-large non-attorney member on the commission.

John Delmonico, of Minneapolis, is president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis. Delmonico, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a Fourth Judicial District non-attorney member.

Rene Diebold, of Marshall, is an attorney in private practice in Marshall. Diebold, who has been a member of the commission since 2004, is reappointed as an at-large attorney member.

Michael Dougherty, of Burnsville, is an attorney with the Apple Valley law firm of Severson, Sheldon, Dougherty and Molenda. Dougherty, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a First Judicial District attorney member.

Brenda Elmer, of Moorhead, is the northwest Minnesota representative to U.S. Senator Norm Coleman. Elmer replaces Dr. Paul Dovre as a Seventh Judicial District non-attorney member on the commission.

Sonja Faust, of Waconia, is a self-employed certified public accountant. Faust, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a First Judicial District non-attorney member.

Jill Frieders, of Rochester, is an attorney and partner in the Rochester law firm of O'Brien and Wolf. Frieders, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a Third Judicial District attorney member.

Paul Gam, of Arden Hills, is vice president of international development with St. Jude Medical, Inc., in St. Paul. Gam replaces Iris Cornelius as a Second Judicial District non-attorney member on the commission.

Susan Kamrath, of Canby, is the Canby CARES Coordinator for Independent School District 891. Kamrath, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as an Eighth Judicial District non-attorney member.

Karen Klinzing, of Woodbury, is an assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Education and just concluded serving two-terms as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Klinzing replaces Christine Rice as a Tenth Judicial District non-attorney member on the commission.

Magnuson, of Inver Grove Heights, is an attorney and partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Rider Bennett. Magnuson has been chair of the commission since 2003.

Rita' Hillmann Olson, of New Prague, owns Lakeville Floral and K & R Contracting, Inc. Olson, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed to a Third Judicial District non-attorney position.

Richard Ostlund, of Eden Prairie, is an attorney and partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Anthony, Ostlund and Baer. Ostlund, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a Fourth Judicial District attorney member.

Alberto Quintela, of St. Paul, is an attorney in private practice, and a board member of Prevent Child Abuse-Minnesota, as well as the Northern Star Latino Boy Scouts Council. Quintela replaces Steven Kirsch as a Second Judicial District attorney member on the commission.

Carrie Ruud, of Breezy Point, is a real estate broker with Lakes and Leisure Realty, Inc., and just concluded serving one term as a Minnesota state Senator. Ruud replaces Mary Ellen Domeier as an at-large, non-attorney member on the commission.

Melinda Sanders, of St. Cloud, is an attorney and shareholder with the St. Cloud law firm of Quinlivan and Hughes. Sanders replaces Thomas Reif as a Seventh Judicial District attorney member on the commission.

Lenor Scheffler, of Eden Prairie, is an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Best and Flanagan and a former Chief Judge of the Upper Sioux Community Tribal Court. Scheffler, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as an at-large attorney member.

Glen Schumann, of Woodbury, is an attorney and shareholder with the Minneapolis law firm of Moss and Barnett. Schumann replaces James Weber as a Tenth Judicial District attorney member on the commission.

Ronald Schutz, of Medina, is an attorney and partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi. Schutz, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as an at-large attorney member.

Larry Stauber, of Duluth, is an attorney and partner with the Duluth law firm of Stauber and Lien. Stauber replaces Thomas Thibodeau as a Sixth Judicial District attorney member on the commission.

Stephen Stennes, of Montevideo, is an attorney with the law firm of Prindle, Maland, Sellner, Stennes and Knutsen in Montevideo. Stennes replaces L. Wayne Larson as an Eighth Judicial District attorney member of the commission.

David Sturrock, of Marshall, is a professor of political science at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Sturrock, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a Fifth Judicial District non-attorney member.

Daniel Urshan, of Duluth, is a financial advisor with A Plus Financial Group, and the former mayor of Hermantown. Urshan replaces David Ellefson as a Sixth Judicial District non-attorney member on the commission.

Victoria White, of Walker, is the economic development director for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Cass Lake. White, who has been a member of the commission since 2003, is reappointed as a Ninth Judicial District non-attorney member.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is also expected to announce their appointees today as well.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced two First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy occurred with the disability retirement of the Honorable Michael A. Young on December 31, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Shakopee in Scott County.

The second vacancy will occur with the resignation of the Honorable Mary E. Pawlenty effective on February 12, 2007. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Hastings in Dakota County.

Licensed Minnesota lawyers who are residents of the First Judicial District may request an application for either or both positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us, or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for either or both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 6, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS HARRISON AND SHAVER TO GREAT LAKES PROTECTION FUND BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Scott Harrison and Craig Shaver to the Great Lakes Protection Fund Board.

Harrison, of Duluth, has been the owner and operator of the Lutsen Resort since 1988. He has served as President of Frontier Financial Consulting Services, Inc. in Duluth since 1981. From 1979 to 1985 Harrison was a business faculty member at the University of Minnesota – Duluth.

Harrison has a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science from Carleton College and a Master's of Business Administration from the Cornell Graduate School of Business in Ithaca, New York.

Shaver is a senior vice president of investments in the Minneapolis office of UBS Financial Services. Shaver served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was vice chair of the House Environmental and Natural Resources Committee from 1985 to 1987.

Shaver received a Bachelors of Arts degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Shaver lives in Deephaven with his wife Maureen and their two children.

The Great Lakes Protection Fund is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1989 by the Governors of the Great Lakes states (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York). It is a permanent environmental endowment that supports collaborative projects to improve the heath of the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Fund and its staff are headquartered in Evanston, Illinois. Each of the seven Great Lakes Governors appoints two members of the Fund's fourteen-member board. Members serve two-year terms at the pleasure of their Governor.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Thorwald H. Anderson on January 31, 2007. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Robert H. Lynn on April 2, 2007.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday**, **February 13**, **2007**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau and John Eckerman to the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission. Both members, who were originally appointed in 2003, are reappointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Molnau is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation and serves as the Governor's designee on the commission.

Eckerman, of Rochester, is the vice president of government affairs for the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce. Eckerman serves as a private sector member of the commission.

The Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission is a compact of 12 Midwestern states created to promote development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail, and of long range plans for high-speed rail passenger service in the Midwest and among other regions of the U.S. and coordinate interaction among Midwestern state elected officials. Membership from each state includes the Governor or the Governor's designee; one member of the private sector appointed by the Governor; one Senator; and one member of the House of Representatives.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS HANKERSON TO PETROFUND BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jeanne Hankerson to the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (Petrofund Board).

Hankerson, of Owatonna, is a vice president, and the director of claims legal and compliance with Federated Mutual Insurance Companies in Owatonna. She has held a number of positions at Federated, including environmental coordinator, since she joined the firm in 1984. Hankerson, who has served on the Petrofund Board sine 1995, is reappointed as a representative of the insurance industry for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board administers compensation from the petroleum tank release clean-up fund for cleanup of leaks and spills from storage tanks. The board consists of five members, including three appointed by the Governor; one representative of the petroleum industry, one representative of the insurance industry and one public member.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS FOUR TO DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Robert F. Eaton, Gregory R. Fox, David J. McMillan, and Debra J. Messer to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) Board. All four members are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Eaton, of Duluth, is a semi-retired attorney in private practice and a member of the Duluth Charter Commission. Eaton, who is vice president of the DECC Board, has been a member since 1998.

Fox, of Duluth, is vice chancellor for finance and operations at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Fox has been a member of the DECC Board since 2001.

McMillan, of Duluth, is the executive vice president of ALLETE/Minnesota Power in Duluth. McMillan has been a member of the DECC Board since February 2006.

Messer, of Duluth, is the director of sale for WDIO/WIRT (Hubbard Broadcasting) in Duluth. Messer has been a member of the DECC Board since 2004.

The Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Board administers, promotes, and operates the Duluth Convention Center. The DECC Board consists of 11 members, including four appointed by the Governor and seven appointed by the Mayor of Duluth.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Lee J. Himle and Marina Muñoz Lyon to the Housing Finance Agency. Both members are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Himle, of Spring Valley, has been the owner of Himle Insurance Agency since 1974. Himle has been a public member of the Housing Finance Agency since 1996.

Lyon, of St. Paul, is vice president of public affairs for the Pohlad Companies in Minneapolis. Lyon has been a public member of the Housing Finance Agency since 2000.

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency provides housing for low and moderate-income persons. The agency consists of seven members, including six public members appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Manijeh Daneshpour and Sonia Hohnadel to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

Manijeh Daneshpour, of Maple Grove, is a Professor and Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at St. Cloud State University. A licensed marriage and family therapist since 1996, Dr. Daneshpour also works as a therapist in private practice in Maple Grove. She holds a Ph.D. in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Daneshpour fills a board position for a marriage and family therapist. She will serve a four-year term ending in January 2011.

Sonia Hohnadel, of Moorhead, currently serves as communications coordinator and administrative assistant to the Provost of Tri-College University of Fargo/Moorhead. She also serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc. Ms. Hohnadel also serves on the Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People. Hohnadel is appointed to a board position for a public member and will serve a four-year term ending in January 2011.

The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining marriage and family therapists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TERWILLIGER CHAIR OF METROPOLITAN SPORTS FACILITIES COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Roy Terwilliger as chair of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

Terwilliger, of Edina, is president and board chair of the Community Bank Group in Eden Prairie, and has over 40 years of experience in banking and business. He also served as a Minnesota state Senator from 1992 to 2003. Terwilliger, who has chaired the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission since March 2003, is appointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission owns and operates the Metrodome and is funded through admission taxes, rent, concession and other revenues. It has engaged in several major studies on sports facilities in Minnesota to explore stadium options.

The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission consists of seven members who serve four-year terms. They include the chair appointed by the Governor, and six members appointed by the Minneapolis City Council.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HANSON AND INGISON TO STATE RETIREMENT BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas J. Hanson and Peggy Ingison to the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Board of Directors. Both members are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Hanson, of Maple Grove, is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance, a position he has held since December 2006. Previously, he served as director of Governor Pawlenty's legislative and cabinet affairs, and held a number of positions with the Minnesota House of Representatives. Hanson replaces Peggy Ingison as a constitutional officer or appointed state official member of the MSRS Board. Ingison held the position when she was Commissioner of Finance.

Ingison, of New Brighton, is the chief financial officer with the Minneapolis Public School District, a position she has held since January 2007. Previously, she was Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Finance; assistant Finance commissioner and State Budget Director; chief fiscal analyst for the Minnesota Senate Finance Committee; and held finance, budget and audit positions with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Ingison replaces Roy Watson on the MSRS Board as a public member with knowledge in pension matters.

The Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors establishes rules and regulations for the administration of the State Retirement System, approves the agency budget, and handles covered employee appeals. The board of directors consists of 11 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Mary Claire Picard, Kathryn S. Richtman, and Emily Tischer, and the reappointment of Amanda Dionne, Sarah Dixon, and Judge Kathryn N. Smith to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC). In addition, the Governor appointed Richard Gardell chair of the JJAC.

Dionne, of Crystal, is an undergraduate student in her first year at Augsburg College in Minneapolis after graduating from Cooper High School in Crystal where she was a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She has worked with YouthCARE (Cultural Appreciation and Racial Equity), and the Young Women's Mentoring Program in Minneapolis, and served as a tutor for at-risk youth. Dionne, who has been a member of the JJAC since 2006, is reappointed as a youth member to a four-year term that expires on January 12, 2012.

Dixon, of Duluth, is the executive director of the Minnesota Alliance With Youth, which hosts the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program. Previously, she was the founding board chair of Faribault's Community of Promise Collaborative, and has over 20 years of experience working in all areas of adolescent health and development, including intervention and treatment, counseling, education, and community-wide youth development. Dixon, who has been a member of the JJAC since 2002 and chair since 2004, is reappointed as a member to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Gardell, of Minneapolis, is the president and CEO of 180 Degrees, Inc., a community-based non-profit organization that provides correctional services. Previously, he was a police officer for 31 years with the St. Paul Police Department. Gardell has been a member of the JJAC since 2003, and serves as the primary Minnesota appointee to the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. He succeeds Sarah Dixon as chair of the JJAC.

Picard, of St. Paul, is a student at St. Paul Technical College and Community ALC High School. She previously attended St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists and Gateway, ALC. Picard is also a waitress at Carbone's in St. Paul, and a member of the Giovanni Opera Choir. Picard, who replaces Kari Schuch as a youth member of the JJAC, is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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Richtman, of St. Paul, manages the juvenile delinquency section of the Ramsey County Attorney's office's prosecution division, where she is responsible for the prosecution of all juvenile delinquency cases. She has been an assistant Ramsey County Attorney since 1992, and has 19 years of experience as a prosecutor. Richtman co-chairs the American Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Section, as well as the Minnesota County Attorneys Association Juvenile Law Committee, is a founding member and chair of the Hmong Youth Task Force, and a member of the Ramsey County Youth at Risk Committee. Richtman replaces Steve Hubbard as a member of the JJAC to complete a four-year term that expires on January 25, 2009.

Smith, of Willmar, is an Eighth Judicial District trial court judge in Kandiyohi County, a position she has held since 1997. She is the lead judge on the Kandiyohi County Children's Justice Initiative Team, chaired the Supreme Court Juvenile Delinquency Rules Committee from 2001 to 2007, and is an active member of the Minnesota District Judges Association. Smith is also a member of the Kandiyohi County Family YMCA Board of Directors and chairs the Mentor Committee. Smith, who has been a member of the JJAC since 2004 and chairs its Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Tischer, of Rochester, is an undergraduate student at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where she has been on the Dean's List since beginning her education at Augsburg in the fall of 2005. She is an intern with Hennepin County Juvenile Probation, is a campus resident assistant, vice president of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, and a member of the Campus Outreach Leadership Team. Tischer replaces Donald Schoenrock as a youth member of the JJAC to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Peggy Ann Anderholm and Larry Mareck to the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Board of Directors. In addition, the Governor has announced the appointment of Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Dan McElroy as chair of the board.

Anderholm, of Warroad, is the manager of education and workforce development for Marvin Windows and Doors in Warroad. Anderholm, who has been a member of the MJSP Board since 2003, is appointed to a position for a member who is also a business representative on the Governor's Workforce Development Council for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Mareck, of Albany, is president of the St. Cloud Building and Construction Trades Council, and a member of the Carpenters Union #930. Mareck, who has been a member of the MJSP Board since 2003, is appointed to a position for a member who is also a labor representative on the Governor's Workforce Development Council for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board brings together employers with specific training needs with educational or other non-profit institutions which can design programs to meet those needs. The board consists of 13 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of David Laird and James McCormick to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission. Both members are reappointed to four-year terms ending January 3, 2011.

Laird is President and Chief Executive Officer at the Minnesota Private College Council, Fund and Research Foundation and Partners for Education Opportunity. Laird holds a B.A. degree in government and history and M.Ed. in education and history from St. Lawrence University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He serves as the Governor's designee on the Commission.

McCormick is the Chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). McCormick is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He earned masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He serves as the member representing the field of higher education.

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) is an interstate compact of eleven Midwest states devoted to advancing education through cooperation. MHEC is one of four compacts nationally that provide greater higher education opportunities and services in their regions. The Commission is made up of five members from each state, including three gubernatorial appointees, one State Senator, and one State Representative. The MHEC member states are: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS McGINN TO STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael McGinn to the State Board of Public Defense.

McGinn, of Eagan, is the founder and president of McGinn and Associates. He is a retired commander with the St. Paul Police Department and served 30 years as a St. Paul police officer. He also served one four-year term in the Minnesota Senate where he was a member of the Senate Public Safety Finance, and Crime Prevention Committees. McGinn replaces R. Peter Madel, Jr. as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The State Board of Public Defense approves and recommends a budget to the Legislature, and establishes procedures for distribution of state funding for the board, the Office of the State Public Defender, the judicial district public defenders and the public defense corporations. The board also appoints the state public defender and the chief public defenders of the state's ten judicial districts. The board consists of seven members, including four attorneys appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court and three public members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO ZOO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Scott Lambert and the reappointment of Eleanor Crosby, Edward Dayton, Harry J. Haynsworth, IV, and Jody Larimore to the Minnesota Zoological Board. All five members are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Crosby, of Long Lake, is the director of the Tonkawood Ski School and serves on a number of boards, including Twin Cities Public Television. She was a member of the Zoo Board from 1987 to 1997, and chaired the board from 1993 to 1996. She also served on the Minnesota Zoo Foundation. Crosby was reappointed to the board again in 1999 and has served since then.

Dayton, of Wayzata, was a member of the Zoo Board from 1987 to 1995, and chaired the board from 1990 to 1992. He has also been a member and chair of the Minnesota Zoo Foundation and is currently is honorary co-chair of the New Heart of the Zoo capital campaign. Dayton was reappointed to the board again in 1999 and has served since then.

Haynsworth, of Marine on St. Croix, is of counsel to Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis and Dean Emeritus of William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. He was first appointed to the Zoo Board in 1999 and has chaired the board since 2006.

Lambert, of Woodbury, is the executive vice president of the Minnesota Auto Dealers Association, a position he has held since 1999, and previously was its director of government affairs. He has also been director of government affairs for the Minnesota Grocers Association, and special projects director for the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council. Lambert replaces Robert Bonawitz on the Zoo Board.

Larimore, of Maple Grove, is the senior vice president and human resources manager for Wells Fargo in the Great Lakes Region and has 25 years of experience in human resources management. Larimore was first appointed to the Zoo Board in July 2006 to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the board.

The Minnesota Zoological Board operates and maintains the Minnesota Zoological Garden. The board consists of 30 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor and 15 appointed by the Zoo Board.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Alice Shapiro and the appointment of Carol Haggerty to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.

Shapiro is from Saint Paul and has a Ph. D. from Tufts University in Medford Massachusetts. She is a Nutrition Research Scientist and Manager at the Park Nicollet Institute in Minneapolis. Dr. Shapiro is an adjunct member of the University of Minnesota Cancer Center. She is an adjunct assistant professor in the Epidemiology Department and a graduate faculty member in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Shapiro is reappointed as a licensed nutritionist member to a three-year term ending in August of 2010.

Haggerty, of Saint Paul, attended the University of Minnesota. She is the Co-Chair of the Saint Anthony Park Refugee Core Committee which is a group that participates in resettlements of refugees from war-torn countries. Haggerty is appointed to a two-year term ending in August of 2009 and replaces Wai Yee Lee as a public member of the board.

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining dietitians and nutritionists. The board is made up of seven members who are appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HYLDEN AND TARNOWSKI TO SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Duluth** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Eric Hylden and Sally L. Tarnowski to two trial court bench vacancies in the Sixth Judicial District in the city of Duluth in St. Louis County. These vacancies occurred with the retirement of the Honorable David P. Sullivan on December 16, 2006, and the retirement of the Honorable John T. Oswald on December 31, 2006.

Hylden is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Reyelts, Leighton, Bateman, and Hylden in Duluth, a position he has held since 1992. He was an associate attorney with the firm from 1987 to 1992. Hylden earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1984.

"With the recent retirement of three judges in Duluth who were distinguished civil trial practitioners prior to becoming judges, the bench has lost a significant amount of expertise in civil law," Governor Pawlenty said. "Eric brings nearly 20 years of complex civil litigation experience and an excellent reputation to the position."

Hylden is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he served on the Civil Litigation Governing Council from 1999 to 2006. He is also a member and past president of the 11<sup>th</sup> District Bar Association, member of the American Bar Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, Civil Trial Counsel of Wisconsin, Defense Research Institute, and Volunteer Attorney Program, where he received the "Volunteer Attorney of the Year" award in 1992-93. He has also been named a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Law and Politics* every year since 2000.

Hylden is also active with the North Shore Tae Kwon Do, where he has been a martial arts instructor since 2001; and the National Wild Turkey Federation, where he served as local chapter president and teaches turkey hunter education classes. He was a member of the Duluth Parks and Recreation Board and earned his Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 1978.

Hylden, 46, was born in International Falls and lives in Duluth with his wife, Debbie, and their two children, Luke, 16, and Hannah, 11.

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Tarnowski is an attorney in private practice in Duluth, a position she has held since 2003. Previously, she was a law clerk, associate attorney, and shareholder with the law firm of Johnson, Killen and Seiler in Duluth from 1986 to 2003. Tarnowski earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1986, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1982.

"Sally has distinguished herself in the field of family law, which accounts for a large and growing number of cases that come before the bench in Duluth," Governor Pawlenty said. "She is respected among family law practitioners for being intelligent, fair-minded, and having a good temperament and calm demeanor, all of which are important characteristics for judges to possess."

Tarnowski is a member of the American Bar Association, Minnesota and Wisconsin State Bar Associations, serves on the board of the Volunteer Attorney Program, and is a mock trial judge for the Minnesota State Bar Association's Mock Trial Program. She is a past co-chair of the Congdon Park Parent-Teacher Association where she has also chaired various PTA committees, is a Sunday school teacher, and has served on Christian Education and finance committees at her church. She has also been a softball coach, and served on the board of directors of the Junior League of Duluth.

Tarnowski, 47, was born and raised in Duluth where she lives with her husband, Greg, and their two children, Katie, 13, and Ben, 11.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TIFFANY TO NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Park Rapids** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert D. Tiffany to a Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Park Rapids in Hubbard County. The opening occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Jay D. Mondry on November 1, 2006. Sixteen people applied for this position.

Tiffany is an attorney and partner in the Park Rapids law firm of Wallace and Tiffany. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1996. Tiffany was the Redwood County Attorney from 1991 to 1996, and an associate attorney with the St. Paul law firm of Jardine, Logan and O'Brien from 1988 to 1991. Tiffany earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1987, and participated in the University of San Diego Institute on International and Comparative Law London program at King's College in London England while in law school. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1982.

"Rob brings a wealth of experience in both civil and criminal law, and has practiced in both the private, and public sectors," Governor Pawlenty said. "He has also had some unique life experiences that will serve him well as a judge."

Tiffany is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and serves as a mock trial judge through its mock trial program. He is also a member of the Hubbard County Children's Justice Initiative Team, board member and chair of the Park Rapids Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, member and chair of the Hubbard County Developmental Achievement Center Board, and board member and vice-chair of the Park Rapids Area Kinship. He is a past chair of the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce, had been a volunteer with Park Rapids Fastbreak Basketball, and a den leader with Cub Scouts of America in Park Rapids.

Tiffany, 48, was born in Redwood Falls, and lives in Park Rapids with his wife, Patty, and their two sons, Will, 18, and Ted, 15.

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February 8, 2007

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Hennepin County. This vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Stephen D. Swanson on March 14, 2007. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of Minneapolis in Hennepin County.

The process for filling Judge Swanson's position will be added to the two previously-announced vacancies for the Honorable Thorwald Anderson and the Honorable Robert H. Lynn's positions. A news release announcing the application process for Judges Anderson and Lynn's vacancies was issued by the Governor's office on January 23, 2007.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 13, 2007.** One set of application materials will be considered for all three positions.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Robert Salmonson and Dr. Judith F. Shank, M.D., to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Salmonson, of Rice, along with his wife, Donna, own Roffler Family Hair Center, a barber and beauty salon in Sauk Rapids. He has over 36 years of professional experience. Salmonson is a member of the Minnesota Salon and Spa Professional Association, formerly called the National Cosmetology Association of Minnesota, was treasurer of the St. Cloud affiliate and was the men's director of its education committee. He is a 1970 graduate of the St. Cloud Beauty College and a 1969 graduate of the St. Paul Barber College. Salmonson, who was initially appointed to the board in July 2004 when the cosmetologist positions were added by the Legislature, is reappointed as a cosmetologist member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Shank, of Wayzata, is a member of the Hennepin County Medical Center Board of Directors and a part-time health and safety consultant with General Mills. She had a career in dermatology as founder and president of Metropolitan Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, and an associate clinical professor of dermatology at the University of Minnesota. She has served as president of the Minnesota Medical Association, as well as the Minnesota Dermatological Society, and chaired the Minnesota Medical Foundation Board. Shank, who was first appointed to the board in September 2006, is reappointed as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS OLIVER TO GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of former state Senator Edward Oliver to the Great Lakes Commission.

Oliver, of Deephaven, has been the owner of Oliver Financial, an investment and insurance sales business, since 1990. From 1986 to 1990, he was President and CEO of Washington Square Securities, Inc. From 1993 until 2003, Oliver served in the state Senate representing the Lake Minnetonka area.

Oliver is familiar with the work of the Commission, serving as a commissioner for the last four years. He has assisted with a number of the Commission's priority programs, including those on non-indigenous aquatic invasive species, non-point source pollution, and tourism. Oliver serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Great Lakes Commission is a bi-national agency that promotes the orderly, integrated and comprehensive development, use and conservation of the water and related natural resources of the Great Lakes basin and St. Lawrence River. The Commission is made up of members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. The Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec are associate members. The Great Lakes are the largest fresh water body in the world, and are often called America's fourth sea coast.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Christine Bray, Ph.D., and Danielle Chelmo, and the reappointment of Richard Gardell and Antonio Tejeda to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC). All four are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Bray, of Stillwater, is the manager of the creation and implementation of a statewide juvenile justice and mental health initiative for the Minnesota Department of Corrections. She has previously been the deputy director for Washington County Community Corrections, an assistant commissioner with the state Department of Corrections, and held a number of positions with Ramsey County Community Corrections, including director of the juvenile division, director of policy and planning, director of administration, director of domestic relations, juvenile probation supervisor, and juvenile probation officer. Bray replaces Reno Wells on the JJAC.

Chelmo, of Medina, is a licensed esthetician and a graduate of the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis in December 2006. She graduated from Prairie Center Alternative High School in Eden Prairie in May of last year. While in school, she volunteered with We Can Ride, Eyes Wide Open, YMCA, and raised money for St. Anne's Shelter for Women and Children. Chelmo replaces Scott Ferguson as a youth member on the JJAC.

Gardell, of Minneapolis, is president and CEO of 180 Degrees, Inc., a community-based non-profit provider of correctional services including juvenile offender mentoring. He had a 31-year career as a St. Paul Police officer, retiring as assistant chief of police. He has served as chair of the St. Paul Youth Services Board of Directors, and as a member of the Youth Express Capital Campaign Committee. Gardell has been a member of the JJAC since 2003.

Tejeda, of Spicer, is an attorney with the Willmar law firm of Anderson, Larson, Hanson and Saunders. His practice includes criminal prosecution as well as criminal defense law. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Tejeda handles many of the firm's non English-speaking clients. He is also a Minnesota National Guard Judge Advocate General Officer. Tejeda has been a member of the JJAC since March 2006.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS REVIER TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tom Revier to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Revier has been farming since 1990. He is a partner with his brother and father in a 3500 acre farm which includes beef cattle. He received a bachelor's degree with a triple major in business administration, accounting, and economics from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Tom and his wife, Libby, live with their two children in Olivia. Revier is appointed as the board member representing farmers and will serve a four-year term ending January 3, 2011.

The Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board provides reimbursement for the clean-up cost of pesticide and fertilizer spills. Reimbursement funds come from the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Account (ACCRA). The board is made up of five members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tom Revier to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board.

Revier, of Olivia, is a partner with his father and brother in a 3,500 acre farm which includes beef cattle. He received a bachelor's degree with a triple major in business administration, accounting, and economics from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Revier is appointed as the board member representing farmers and will serve a four-year term ending January 3, 2011.

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## COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Washington County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable John E. Cass on February 2, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of this vacancy for the city of Stillwater in Washington County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at <u>john.hultquist@state.mn.us</u> or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 8, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Susan Hayes, Jerry Jensen and Herman "Ted" Thompson to the Board of Psychology.

Hayes, of St. Louis Park, received a master of arts in education from the University of Minnesota. She is a board member of Volunteers of America and a Minnesota Supreme Court qualified neutral. She is a public member reappointed to a four-year term ending January 3, 2011.

Jensen, of Baxter, received a master of arts in counseling psychology from St. Mary's University of Minnesota, in Winona, Minnesota. He is a licensed psychologist at CedarBrook Counseling in Baxter, Minnesota with a practice that includes counseling and psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults. Jensen is reappointed as a licensed psychological practitioner member of the board and will serve a four-year term ending January 3, 2011.

Thompson, of Minneapolis, received a master of arts in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota. He is currently pursuing a Ph. D. in developmental and counseling psychology at the University of Minnesota. Thompson is a private practice family therapist in the areas of conflict resolution, adolescent development and identity formation. Thompson is reappointed as a maters level licensed psychologist member of the board and will serve a four-year term ending January 3, 2011.

The Board of Psychology is responsible for licensing and disciplining psychologists. The board is made up of 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WINEBARGER AND WILANDER TO POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Paige Winebarger and the reappointment of Chester Wilander to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board. In addition, the Governor has designated MPCA Commissioner Brad Moore chair of the board.

Winebarger, of Bloomington, retired in 2001 as senior vice president and general counsel of Marquette Bancshares, Inc. in Minneapolis. She previously served as an attorney for the Federal Reserve System and as the assistant commissioner of banks for the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Winebarger formerly served as vice chair of the Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Minnesota and as vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota. She also served as a board member and chair of the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota and as board member and officer of Friends of the Minnesota River Valley. She received a B.S. in business education from Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Winebarger is appointed as a public member to the MPCA Citizens' Board to a four-year term that ends January 3, 2011. She replaces Melanie Allen on the board.

Wilander, of Laporte, is a retired labor representative from Teamsters Local 346 in Duluth. He was first appointed to the board by Governor Carlson in 1997. Wilander received a B.S. in art education from Bemidji State University. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a former teacher at Braham High School in Braham. He serves on the board as the representative of organized labor. Wilander is appointed to another four year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The MPCA Citizens' Board considers and makes decisions on varied and complex pollution problems that affect areas of the state. Decisions are intended to achieve a reasonable degree of purity of the water, air and land resources of the state in order to provide for the maximum enjoyment and use of these resources for the welfare of the people. The Citizens' Board consists of the Commissioner of the MPCA and eight members who are appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Alfred Sullivan, as chair and Wayne Brandt to the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. The Governor also announced the appointments Shaun Hamilton, Robert Oswold, David Parent, Shawn Perich, Mary Richards and Richard Walsh as members of the council. All eight are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 3, 2011.

Sullivan, of New Brighton, is the special assistant to the president at the University of Minnesota. He previously served as Dean of the College of Natural Resources at the University, and as chairman of the Minnesota Forest Resources Research Advisory Committee. He currently serves as a trustee at the Wilderness Research Foundation. Dr. Sullivan is reappointed as chairman of the council.

Brandt, of Duluth, is executive vice president of the Minnesota Forest Industries. He also serves as executive vice president of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association. He has a bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Minnesota - Duluth. Brandt is reappointed as the member representing the forest products industry.

Hamilton, of New Hope, is senior project manager and director of the Northwoods Initiative at the Trust for Public Land. He previously worked for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Peace Corps. Hamilton is reappointed as the member representing a conservation organization.

Oswold, of Scanlon, is the former vice president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO. He serves as president of the Carlton County Central Labor Body. He has worked in a paper mill for the past 33 years and is a member of the United Steel Workers Union (USW) Local 11-63. Oswold is reappointed as the member representing a labor organization.

Parent, of Andover, is a real estate appraiser and owns over 600 acres of non-industrial private forestland. He owns a real estate appraisal service. He previously served 23 years in the U.S. Army. He is a past Vice president of the Minnesota Forestry Association. Parent is reappointed as the member who is the owner of 40 or more acres of non-industrial, private forest land.

Perich, of Hovland, is a freelance writer specializing in conservation and the outdoors. He is the publisher of Northern Winds outdoor news, and field editor for Minnesota Outdoor News. Perich is reappointed as the member representing a game species management organization.

Richards, of Callaway, is co-owner of Maplelag Resort in Callaway Minnesota. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Detroit Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Richards is appointed to as the member representing the resort and tourism industry and replaces Kathy Manteuffel.

Walsh, of Park Rapids, is the retired owner of Dick Walsh Forest Products, LLP, an independent logging contractor. *Timber Harvesting* magazine recently named Dick Walsh Forest Products the Logging Business of the Year. Walsh previously served as president of the Minnesota Timber Producers Association and as is the former chairman of the Minnesota Logger Education Project. Walsh is reappointed as the member representing commercial logging contractors.

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council develops recommendations to the Governor and to federal, state, county and local governments with respect to forest resource policies and practices that result in the sustainable management, use, and protection of the state's forest resources. The council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies.

The first vacancy occurred with the disability retirement of the Honorable Michael A. Young on December 31, 2006. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Shakopee in Scott County. The second vacancy occurred with the resignation of the Honorable Mary E. Pawlenty effective on February 12, 2007. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of this judgeship for the city of Hastings in Dakota County.

The finalists for the Scott County position are Jerome B. Abrams, Michael A. Fahey, and Patrick T. Skelly. The finalists for the Dakota County position are Ann M. Anaya, Shawn M. Moynihan, and Tim D. Wermager.

Abrams, of Mendota Heights, is an attorney and president of the Minneapolis law firm of Abrams and Smith. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1997. He was an attorney with the Austin and Abrams law firm in Minneapolis from 1988 through 1996, the Austin and Roth law firm in Minneapolis from 1982 to 1988, Schoenberger Legal Clinic in Richfield and Rochester from 1981 to 1982, and a law clerk with the Minneapolis Star Tribune Company in 1981. Abrams earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1977.

Fahey, of Carver, is the Carver County Attorney in Chaska, a position he has held since 1987. He was an associate attorney and partner with the Chaska law firm of Nicklaus, Monroe and Fahey from 1978 through 1986. Fahey earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri in 1978 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1975.

Skelly, of Eagan, is a shareholder and president of the St. Paul law firm of Skelly and Capistrant. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2001. Skelly is also a colonel and deputy director at the National Ground Intelligence Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Peters, Jeddeloh and Skelly in St. Paul from 1997 to 2001, an assistant Dakota County Attorney from 1990 to 1997, an associate attorney with the Oppenheimer, Wolff and Donnelly law firm in Minneapolis from 1989 to 1990, and an associate attorney with the Briggs and Morgan law firm in St. Paul and Minneapolis from 1987 to 1989. Skelly earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1979, where he was a distinguished military graduate.

Anaya, of Hastings, is an assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 2002. She was an assistant Ramsey County Attorney from 2000 to 2002, an assistant First Judicial District public defender in Dakota and Goodhue Counties from 1995 to 2000, a defense attorney with the Legal Rights Center in Minneapolis in 1994, and a law clerk to then Minnesota Court of Appeals Chief Judge Paul H. Anderson in 1993. Anaya earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1993, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1990.

Moynihan, of Hastings, is an attorney and partner with the Hastings law firm of Fluegel and Moynihan. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1992. He was an associate attorney with the Hastings law firm of Hertogs, Fluegel, Sieben, Polk, Jones, and Laverdiere from 1982 to 1992. Moynihan earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982 and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977.

Wermager, of Hastings, is an attorney with the Hastings law firm of O'Connell, Wermager and Warg. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1990. He was an attorney with the Law Office of Harry P. Schoen in Hastings from 1982 to 1990. Wermager earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa Law School in 1982, and his bachelor of science degree from Mankato State University in 1979.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO THE BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** –Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Alice Shapiro and the appointment of Carol Haggerty to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.

Shapiro is from Saint Paul and has a Ph. D. from Tufts University in Medford Massachusetts. She is a Nutrition Research Scientist and Manager at the Park Nicollet Institute in Minneapolis. Dr. Shapiro is an adjunct member of the University of Minnesota Cancer Center. She is an adjunct assistant professor in the Epidemiology Department and a graduate faculty member in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Shapiro is reappointed as a licensed nutritionist member to a three-year term ending in August of 2010.

Haggerty, of Saint Paul, attended the University of Minnesota. She is the Co-Chair of the Saint Anthony Park Refugee Core Committee which is a group that participates in resettlements of refugees from war-torn countries. Haggerty is appointed to a two-year term ending in August of 2009 and replaces Wai Yee Lee as a public member of the board.

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining dietitians and nutritionists. The board is made up of seven members who are appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO AUTO ASSIGNED CLAIMS BUREAU GOVERNING COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Brenda Elmer and the appointment of Ben Montzka to the Minnesota Automobile Assigned Claims Bureau Governing Committee. Both are appointed to public member positions and will serve two-year terms that expire on January 5, 2009.

Elmer, of Moorhead, is the northwest Minnesota representative to U.S. Senator Norm Coleman. She also serves as a member of the Commission on Judicial Selection, and the Fargo-Moorhead, YMCA Board of Directors, and has served on the Moorhead Public Service Commission, and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. Elmer has been a member of the board since 2003.

Montzka, of Stacy, is a general practice attorney with Montzka Legal Services in Wyoming. He was also elected to a third tem on the Chisago County Board of Commissioners last November, and serves on the East Central Regional Development Commission, RushLine Task Force, Wyoming Area Library Society, and the National Association of Counties, Courts, and Corrections National Subcommittee. Montzka replaces Robert Provost on the Auto Assigned Claims Bureau Governing Committee.

The Minnesota Automobile Assigned Claims Bureau governs the operation of the Minnesota Auto Assigned Claims Plan in providing no-fault basic economic loss benefits to eligible recipients. The governing board consists of seven members, including two public members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS OLSEN TO CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Troy Olsen to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning (CAAP) Board.

Olsen, of Brooklyn Park, is an assistant sergeant-at-arms for the Minnesota House of Representatives. He has held a number of positions with the House since 1992, including chief sergeant-at-arms and constituent services director for the House Republican Caucus for 10 years. Olsen replaces Jean Velleu as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board is responsible for the architecture, urban design, and comprehensive land-use planning in the capitol area of St. Paul, exercises zoning and design review authority, and oversees redevelopment of the north capitol area. The board consists of 10 members, including four appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS RYAN TO IRON RANGE RESOURCES BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of John "Jack" R. Ryan, Jr. to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

Ryan, of Hibbing, is the president of Ryan Kasner Bialke, LLC, a financial planning firm specializing in estate, business succession, employee benefits, retirement and investment planning. He also serves on numerous local corporate boards and volunteers for a variety of community organizations including the Hibbing Foundation, Hibbing Business Development Corporation, Central Mesabi Medical Foundation, Hibbing United Way, Hibbing Kiwanis Club, and the Chisholm Hibbing Airport Authority. Ryan replaces William Henning on the Iron Range Resources Board as a citizen member for a two-year term that expires January 5, 2009.

The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board considers expenditures for projects for rehabilitation in the taconite tax relief area (TTRA) of northeastern Minnesota. The Board consists of 13 members, including one citizen member appointed by the Governor. The Governor also appoints the commissioner of Iron Range Resources.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kari Berman and the reappointment of Reverend Bob Battle, Darci Bentz, Sheriff Steven Borchardt, Jeffrey Edblad, Tracy Jenson, and Constance Larson to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. All seven are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Battle, of St. Paul, is the founder and pastor of the Berean Church of God in Christ in St. Paul. He previously served as a liaison for the St. Paul mayor's office to the chief of police and chaired the St. Paul Human Rights Commission. Battle, who has been a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since 2005, is reappointed as a public member.

Bentz, of Fairmont, is an assistant Fifth Judicial District public defender in Fairmont and previously was the managing attorney of that office. Bentz, who has been a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of public defenders.

Berman, of Edina, is an attorney and shareholder in the business litigation section of the Briggs and Morgan law firm in Minneapolis. Previously, she was an attorney in private practice, a resolution attorney for the St. Paul Companies, and a member of the Metropolitan Airports Commission. Berman replaces Michael Williams as a public member.

Borchardt, of Rochester, is the Olmsted County Sheriff. He has chaired the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since his initial appointment in 2003. Borchardt is reappointed as a representative of law enforcement and chair of the commission.

Edblad, of Cambridge, is the Isanti County Attorney. He is also an adjunct faculty with Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Cambridge. Edblad, who has been a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of county attorneys.

Jenson, of Stillwater, is a supervisor with Washington County Community Corrections, where he is one of the supervisors of the unit's adult probation officers. He has previously held probation officer positions in Washington, Hennepin and Anoka counties since 1992. Jenson, who has been a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of probation officers.

Larson, of Waseca, is a social worker with the Minnesota Valley Action Council, a community action agency that works with low-income people. She is the mother of Cally Jo Larson, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in 1999. Larson, who has been a member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission since 2001, is reappointed as a felony crime victim.

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission develops and maintains rational and consistent sentencing standards which seek to reduce sentencing disparity, increase proportionality in sanctions, and ensure more equitable and uniform sentencing for convicted felons. The commission consists of 11 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has appointed the following metropolitan citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Dave Clark, Chair, Blaine, Blaine City Council Sherry Broecker, Forest Lake Mike Burton, Minnetonka Song Lo Fawcett, St. Paul Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Waconia Mayor

The Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor. The terms of all 16 members of the Metropolitan Council expired in January 2007. These openings, which are geographically-based, were published by the Secretary of State's office on October 15, 2006. Although the posted application deadline was November 28, 2006, applications submitted to the Secretary of State's office by March 13, 2007 will be provided to the Nominating Committee in advance of the public hearing for their consideration. Applications may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website, <a href="www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. For a map of the metropolitan council districts, go to the website, <a href="http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/district\_maps.htm">http://www.metrocouncil.org/about/district\_maps.htm</a>.

The Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee will hold a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for the Metropolitan Council. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, March 29, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Metropolitan Council chambers, located at 390 North Robert Street in St. Paul.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. The vacancies are as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Thorwald H. Anderson on January 31, 2007, and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable Stephen D. Swanson on March 13, 2007, and the upcoming retirement of the Honorable Robert H. Lynn on April 2, 2007. The finalists are Ivy S. Bernhardson, Peter A. Cahill, Paula A. Callies, John C. Goetz, Fred Karasov, William H. Koch, James A. Moore, and D. Gerald Wilhelm.

Bernhardson, of Bloomington, is the chief legal officer at the Hazelden Foundation, a position she has held since 2004. She was a shareholder at the Leonard, Street and Deinard law firm in Minneapolis from 2000 to 2004, except for four months in 2002, when she was senior vice president and general counsel with Medica Health Plans in Minnetonka. Prior to joining Leonard Street and Deinard, she was a staff attorney, associate counsel, senior associate counsel, and associate general counsel with General Mills, Inc. in Golden Valley from 1978 to 2000. Bernhardson earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978, and her bachelor of arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1973.

Cahill, of Plymouth, is the managing attorney in the special litigation division of the Hennepin County Attorney's office, a position he has held since January. He was the chief deputy attorney from 2000 through 2006, and has been an attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office since 1997. He was the founder and chief executive officer of The Blue Pages, Inc., from 1996 to 1997, a solo practitioner in Wayzata from 1993 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the law firm of Colich and Cahill in Minneapolis from 1988 to 1993, an associate attorney with the law firm of Colich and Wieland in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1988, and an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County from 1984 to 1987. Cahill earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1981.

Callies, of Shorewood, is the owner and president of Callies Law, PLLC, in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 2003. Callies was an associate attorney with the Kennedy and Graven law firm in Minneapolis from 2001 to 2003, and an attorney and later a partner with the Hoff, Barry and Kuderer law firm in Eden Prairie from 1989 to 2001. Callies earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989, her masters degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in 1977, and her bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

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Goetz, of Edina, is an attorney and partner with the Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben law firm in Minneapolis, and has been an attorney with the firm since 1979. He was an attorney with the Lindquist and Vennum law firm in Minneapolis from 1976 to 1978. Goetz earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1976 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1973.

Karasov, of Minneapolis, is the senior attorney in the violent crimes division of the Hennepin County Attorney's office, and has been an attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office since 1983. He is also a military judge with the Minnesota Army National Guard, a position he has held since 2000, and was a staff judge advocate with the National Guard from 1988 to 2000. Prior to earning his law degree, Karasov was a senior deputy Hennepin County Sheriff from 1978 to 1982. Karasov earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, his master of science degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976.

Koch, of Bloomington, is an assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 2000. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer in Sacramento, California from 1997 to 2000, an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis from 1991 to 1997, an area defense counsel with the United States Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland from 1990 to 1991, and a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Maryland, as well as a prosecutor with the United States Air Force from 1988 to 1990. Koch earned his juris doctorate degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1988, and his bachelor of science degree from Duke University in Durham, NC in 1985.

Moore, of Plymouth, is an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney, a position he has held since 1990. He was an assistant Bloomington City Attorney from 1986 through 1989, and an associate attorney with Robert J. Steigauf in 1986. Moore earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1985, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1981.

Wilhelm, of Minneapolis, is an assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held since 1992. He was an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in 1992, an assistant Anoka County Attorney from 1991 to 1992, the Martin County Attorney as well as a partner with the Wilhelm and Viesselman law firm in Fairmont from 1979 to 1991, and an assistant Martin County Attorney as well as an associate attorney with the Erickson Law Office in Fairmont from 1973 to 1979. Wilhelm earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973, his master of business administration degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1990, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1970.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 60 applications for these three judicial vacancies.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHNEIDER TO METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Stephen Schneider to the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee.

Schneider, of Oakdale, is the general manager of St. Paul Regional Water Services. He has been the general manager since 2003, and previously held a number of positions with St. Paul Regional Water Services since he started there in 1990 as a project engineer/manager. Schneider holds bachelors degrees in both civil and geological engineering from the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology, and is licensed as a water operator by the Minnesota Department of Health. He chaired the American Water Works Association's Metro District Education Committee and the Minnesota Section Conference Council. Schneider will complete the term created by the resignation of Beverly Aplikowski as an official of a non-county local governmental unit located in the Twin Cities metropolitan area that expires on December 31, 2008, when this committee expires.

The Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee was created by the 2005 Legislature to assist the Metropolitan Council in carrying out the planning activities addressing the water supply needs of the metropolitan area. The advisory committee consists of 12 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Sheriff Mark LeTexier, and the reappointment of Timothy Bildsoe, Tracey Martin, and Sheriff Kent Wilkening to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board).

Bildsoe, of Plymouth, is an underwriter with The Hartford Companies in Eden Prairie and a member of the Plymouth City Council. He was the chief of the Plymouth Police Reserve from 1993 to 1997, and has served on a number of local commissions, including the Northwest Cable Communications Commission, Plymouth Planning Commission, and Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Commission. Bildsoe, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2003, is reappointed as a public member to a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

LeTexier, of Crookston, is the Polk County Sheriff, and Polk County Emergency Management Director, positions he has held since 2002. He was a deputy Polk County Sheriff from 1986 to 2002, and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1977 to 1983. LeTexier is a member of the National Sheriff's Association, Minnesota Sheriff's Association, and TRIAD in Crookston and East Grand Forks. LeTexier replaces former Clearwater County Sheriff Dennis Trandem, who did not seek re-election in 2006, as a member of the POST Board representing county sheriffs. He will complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Martin, of Brooklyn Park, is a sergeant investigator in the internal affairs unit of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. She has been a deputy Hennepin County Sheriff since 1996, and has previously held positions in the Court Security and Human Resources Divisions. She is also a Brooklyn Area and Farview Park basketball coach. Martin, who has been a member of the POST Board since 2003, is reappointed as a representative of municipal peace officers to a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Wilkening, of Fulda, is the Nobles County Sheriff, a position he has held since 1999. He was a deputy Nobles County Sheriff from 1987 through 1998, chief of police for the city of Cottonwood from 1985 to 1987, and a patrolman for the city of Appleton from 1983 to 1985. He also served as a county sheriff's representative to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission from 2000 to 2002. Wilkening, who was appointed to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the POST Board in 2005, is appointed to a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training establishes minimum qualifications and standards of conduct and regulates professional peace officer education and continuing education programs. The board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS LANNERS CHAIR OF METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of John J. "Jack" Lanners as chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). Lanners, who was appointed chair last June to replace Vicki Tigwell, is appointed to a full four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Lanners, of Woodbury, is the president and chief executive officer of FTL Corporation, which operates a number of MGM Liquor Warehouse franchise stores; president of R.P. Royalties, Inc.; and is an officer and partner with LannCo LLC, which specializes in commercial real estate development. Lanners is a member of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, past president of the New Richmond Jaycee's, past president of the Woodbury Lion's Club, and served on the board of directors of the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. Lanners was first appointed to the MAC in April 2003 as a representative of District "F".

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robin Engelson and Robert Saunders, and the reappointment of Robert Hyde, and Melodie Rose to the Board of Accountancy. All four are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Engelson, of Minnetonka, is founder and CEO of Sapphire Financial Group, a financial advisory services firm; and a strategic partner and advisor at Goldsmith Agio Helms, a private investment banking firm. Before launching her own company, she served in management and lending positions at GE Capital, The Bank of New York, Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank. Engelson serves on the board of directors for Medica Health Plans, and Ameriprise Bank, FSB, and on the advisory boards for two private equity funds. Engelson earned her master of business administration degree from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles, and her bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan. Engelson replaces Mary Lynn Widseth as a public member.

Hyde, of Plymouth, is an audit director with Deloitte and Touche in Minneapolis. He has been with the firm since 1972, and a licensed certified public accountant (CPA) since 1973. Hyde is a member of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Management Accountants, and National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. He earned both his MBA and BS degrees in accounting from Mankato State University. Hyde, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2003, is appointed to another four-year term as a CPA member.

Rose, of Maple Grove, is an attorney, shareholder and chair of the securities group with the law firm of Fredrikson and Byron in Minneapolis, working in securities, corporate and commercial law, investment company and adviser regulation, venture capital matters and broker/dealer compliance. She earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and her BBA degree magna cum laude in management and accounting from the University of North Dakota. Rose, who has been a member of the Board of Accountancy since 2005, is appointed to a four-year term as a public member.

Saunders, of Bird Island, is a principal with the accounting firm of Saunders Mertens Schmitz in Bird Island. His practice consists of auditing of not for profit organizations and cities, small business planning and tax management in rural Minnesota. Saunders is a member of the Minnesota Association of Public Accountants, and served as president in 2004 – 05. He is also a member of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the National Society of Accountants. Saunders graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972, and after a six-year term in the U.S. Navy, returned to Bird Island and began an accounting practice in 1978. He became a Licensed Public Accountant in 1980, a CPA in 1995, and a certified financial planner in 2001. Saunders replaces Roger Reinhart as a CPA member.

The Board of Accountancy examines, licenses and regulates certified public accountants. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO CENTER FOR RURAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Timothy Houle, William McCormack and Steve Ringquist, and the reappointment of Cynthia Johnson to the Center for Rural Policy Development.

Houle, of Little Falls, is the chief administrative officer for the Morrison County Board of Commissioners. He serves at the statutory clerk to the county board and is the primary advisor on administrative issues and is responsible for compliance with all federal and state regulatory requirements. Houle is a member of the Minnesota Association of County Administrators, the Minnesota Association of City/County Managers and the Legislative Auditor's Best Management Practices Advisory Council. Houle has a master of arts degree in public administration and a bachelors of arts in political science from Hamline University in St. Paul. He is appointed as the rural county government representative to complete a six-year term that expires January 3, 2011. Houle replaces Kevin Kelleher on the board.

McCormack, of Marshall, is the president of Schwan's Development Corporation of the Schwan Food Company. He also serves as the executive vice president of administration for Schwan. Prior to joining Schwan, McCormack worked for Hormel & Company as a corporate attorney. He is a member of the William Mitchell College of Law Board of Trustees and the Southwest Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees. McCormack is appointed as a business representative to a six-year term that expires January 7, 2013. He replaces Allen Olson on the board.

Ringquist, of Hallock, is an attorney with Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albrecht in Hallock. In addition to general practice, he serves as an assistant county attorney for Kittson County. Ringquist holds a juris doctorate at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul and bachelor of arts in political science from St. John's University in Collegeville. He is appointed as the rural town representative to a six-year term that expires January 7, 2013. Ringquist replaces Robert Bunger on the board.

Johnson, of Battle Lake, has been involved in the dairy farming business for over 40 years and has been a member of the Minnesota Farmer's Union for the past 15 years. She is a member of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College Foundation Board of Directors and is a substitute teacher for the Fergus Falls school district. Johnson is reappointed as the major farm organization representative to a six-year term that expires January 7, 2013.

The Center for Rural Policy and Development is a non-partisan, not-for-profit policy research organization dedicated to the study of the economic, demographic and cultural factors that affect rural Minnesotans and their communities. Based in St. Peter, Minnesota, the Center publishes the *Rural Minnesota Journal*, the *Atlas of Minnesota* and regularly advises policymakers on rural issues through its research reports. All of the center's products and reports can be found on line at <a href="https://www.ruralmn.org">www.ruralmn.org</a>. The Center's Board consists of 17 members 12 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Jeanette Taylor Jones and Dr. Lori Mowbray to the Board of Optometry. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Jones, of Medina, is a clinic site executive for HealthPartners. She previously served as an assistant commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). Prior to working at DHS, she served as CEO of Minnesota Age and Opportunity, a nonprofit organization serving seniors. Jones is licensed as both a registered nurse and an attorney. She received her law degree from the Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York and her nursing degree from Broome College in Binghamton, New York. She has a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Jones is reappointed as a public member of the board.

Mowbray, of Bloomington, has been an optometrist for 26 years and currently practices in Bloomington. She is a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in vision development and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. Mowbray received her doctor of optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry in Boston, Massachusetts. She is also a graduate of the Baltimore Academy of Behavioral Optometry in Baltimore, Maryland. Mowbray is reappointed as an optometrist member of the board.

The Board of Optometry is responsible for licensing and disciplining optometrists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEAL TO STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Bloomington Fire Chief Ulysses Seal to the Statewide Radio Board.

Seal, of Bloomington, became Bloomington's first full-time fire chief in February. He had been its volunteer fire chief since 1986, and a volunteer firefighter with the Bloomington Fire Department since 1976. Seal was also a full-time firefighter with the Minneapolis Fire Department since 1980, retiring as assistant fire chief in January to assume the full-time chief position in Bloomington.

Seal represents the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association on the Statewide Radio Board Operations and Technical Committee, and is a member of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Technical Operations Committee. He assisted in the transition of both the cities of Bloomington and Minneapolis to the metropolitan ARMER 800 Mhz radio system. Seal earned his associate of applied science degree in fire science and technology from North Hennepin Community College. Seal replaces Bonnie Bleskachek on the Statewide Radio Board as a representative of metropolitan area fire chiefs.

The Statewide Radio Board was created to develop a project plan for a statewide, shared, trunked public safety radio communication system, referred to as "Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response" or "ARMER". The board consists of 21 members, including six appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Washington County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable John E. Cass on February 2, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of this vacancy for the city of Stillwater in Washington County. The finalists are Richard C. Ilkka, Kristin C. Larson, and Louis Thayer.

Ilkka, of Oak Park Heights, has been a self-employed attorney in Stillwater since 1990. He has also been the Oakdale city attorney since 1993. He was an attorney with the Magnuson Law Firm in Stillwater from 1989 to 1990 and a Tenth Judicial District law clerk in Stillwater from 1987 to 1989. Ilkka earned his juris doctorate degree (1986) and his bachelor of arts degree (1983) from the University of Minnesota.

Larson, of Lino Lakes, is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 1990. She was an assistant Wright County attorney from 1988 to 1990, executive director, attorney and, volunteer attorney coordinator of Legal Assistance of Dakota County from 1986 to 1988, a staff attorney with Hyatt Legal Services in Bloomington from 1985 to 1986, and a volunteer attorney with Mid-Minnesota Legal Services in Minneapolis from 1984 to 1985. Larson earned her juris doctorate degree from George Washington University Law School in 1984 and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1981.

Thayer, of Dellwood, is the assistant chief judge with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Appeals Division, a position he has held since 2006. He has been a DHS judge since 2000, and was also an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul from 1998 through 2005. Previously, Thayer was a DHS staff attorney from 1996 to 2000, a legal analyst in DHS's Child Support Division from 1994 to 1996, a reference attorney for West Publishing in Eagan from 1993 to 1994, and a judicial law clerk with the Minnesota Court of Appeals from 1992 to 1993. Thayer earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1992, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1989.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 30 applications for this judicial vacancy.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS HELLERVIK TO DULUTH SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Lowell W. Hellervik, Ph.D., to the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth.

Hellervik, of St. Paul, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Personnel Decisions International (PDI), an international management consulting firm headquartered in Minneapolis with over 30 offices worldwide. Hellervik began his career at PDI in 1967, was named president in 1975, and became chairman and CEO in 1989. He completed his Ph.D. work at the University of Minnesota in 1968, where he is currently an adjunct clinical associate professor. Hellervik replaces Thomas Cashman on the Seaway Port Authority for a six-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Seaway Port Authority of Duluth promotes international and domestic waterborne commerce in the port district; owns port and industrial properties; acquires and constructs port facilities. The authority consists of seven members, including two appointed by the governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO JUDICIAL STANDARDS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jon M. Hopeman and Randy R. Staver to the Board on Judicial Standards. Both are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Hopeman, of Minneapolis, is an attorney and partner with the Minneapolis law firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon and Vogt, and has been a lawyer with the firm since 1998. He is a trial and appellate lawyer specializing in federal white collar criminal defense, corporate compliance, and commercial and business litigation. Hopeman was previously an attorney and partner with the law firm of Parsinen, Kaplan, Levy, Rosberg and Gottlieb; senior litigation counsel and assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's office in Minneapolis; and a full-time clinical professor of law at the University of Minnesota Law School. He is also currently an adjunct professor in trial advocacy at the U of M Law School. Hopeman earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, his masters degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and his bachelors degree from Carleton College in Northfield. Hopeman replaces Robert M. A. Johnson as an attorney member on the board.

Staver, of Rochester, is the Information Technology Unit Head at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He has held a number of systems analysts positions at Mayo since 1980. Staver is a member and past chair of the Rochester Charter Commission, and also serves on the Olmsted County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission, and the Olmsted County Planning Advisory Commission. He has also been a member and past chair of the Rochester Planning and Zoning Commission, Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals, Samaritan Bethany Inc. long-term care facilities, and Junior Achievement of Rochester. He also completed the Rochester Citizens Police and Fire Academy courses. Staver earned his master in business administration and bachelor of science degrees from Winona State University, and his associate of arts degree from Rochester Community College. Staver replaces Elizabeth Hepola as a public member on the board.

The Board on Judicial Standards investigates allegations of misconduct by Minnesota judges and referees and recommends discipline to the Minnesota Supreme Court, including censure, suspension, retirement or removal of judges. The board consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor, including one judge of the Court of Appeals, three trial court judges, two attorneys with at least 10 years of experience in the state and four public members.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dr. Alfred Anderson and Dr. James Mona and the appointment of Tammy McGee to the Board of Medical Practice. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 3, 2011.

Anderson, of Prior Lake, has been a licensed Minnesota physician for 28 years. He is also a licensed chiropractor and has held this license since 1963. His medical specialty is pain management and manipulative medicine. Anderson operates the Pain Assessment & Rehabilitation Center, Ltd. in Edina. He is a diplomat in pain management from the American Academy of Pain Management and serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Physician/Patient Alliance. Dr. Anderson is reappointed as a medical doctor member of the board.

Mona, of Hutchinson, has practiced osteopathic medicine in Minnesota for 18 years. He currently practices emergency medicine at Hutchinson Community Hospital. He is board certified in family practice. Mona is the past president of the Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society. He received his doctor of osteopathy degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa and his undergraduate degree in XXX from XXX. Dr. Mona is reappointed as the osteopathic physician member of the board.

McGee, of Maple Grove, is the vice president of finance for the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. She previously was the vice president of finance and operations at Minneapolis Community & Technical College. McGee has a master of business administration degree in new venture strategies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and obtained her bachelor of science degree in finance and economics from St. Cloud University. She is appointed as a public member of the board.

The Board of Medical Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians as well as the regulation of acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Duane Arens, Anne M. Barry, and Alexander Rowell, Jr., to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC). All three are reappointed to three-year terms that expire on January 4, 2010.

Arens, of Minneapolis, is the director of community and economic development for Connexus Energy in Ramsey. He is also the president of the Metropolis Foundation, a local rugby foundation that supports youth rugby and soccer; and a member of the Minnesota Twins Community Foundation Programming Committee. Arens has been a member of the MASC since 2004.

Barry, of Minneapolis, is the chief compliance officer for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, School of Public Health, and an instructor at the University of Minnesota School of Kinesiology, College of Education and Human Development. She is a board member and past president of the United States of America Rugby Football Union. Barry has been a member of the MASC since 2004.

Rowell, of Eden Prairie, is a clinical sales specialist with Possis Medical. Prior to his career in the medical industry, Rowell was a college and high school teacher and athletic coach. He has also served on the Mr. Basketball Selection Committee, and the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services Board of Directors. Rowell has been a member of the MASC since 1992.

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission supports the National Sports Center in Blaine, the amateur sports associations in the state and creates tourism through promoting amateur sports events, including the Star of the North State Games. The commission consists of 16 members, including 10 appointed by the Governor.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS THREE TO INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Frank A. Ahrens, II, Heather A. Johnston, and Judge Kenneth Maas to the Investment Advisory Council. All three members, who were originally appointed to the council by Governor Pawlenty in 2003, are reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Ahrens, of Mound, is the director of the Office of Fiscal and Administrative Services with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Ahrens serves on the council as a public employee member.

Johnston, of Eagan, is the city of Minneapolis budget director and previously held budget officer positions with the Budget Services Division of the Minnesota Department of Finance, and the federal Office of Management and Budget. Johnston serves on the council as a public employee member.

Maas, of Birchwood, is a retired trial court judge in the Tenth Judicial District in Washington County where he served for over 22 years. Maas serves on the council as a retiree member.

The Investment Advisory Council advises the State Board of Investment on policy relating to investments of state funds. The council consists of 17 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS SANBERG TO TAX COURT

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judge Kathleen Hvass Sanberg to the Minnesota Tax Court.

Sanberg, of Edina, has been a Tax Court judge since 2001. She is also an adjunct professor at St. Thomas University School of Law. Prior to her appointment to the Tax Court, Sanberg was an associate attorney (1990 to 1995) and partner (1995 to 2001) with the law firm of Faegre and Benson in Minneapolis, an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Patrick Whalen/Wood, Ward, and Garnett in Santa Ana, California from 1986 to 1989, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Oppenheimer, Wolff, Foster, Shepard, and Donnelly in Minneapolis from 1982 to 1985.

Sanberg is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Board of Governors, Bankruptcy Section, and Tax Section. She is also a member of the Hennepin County Bar Association Board of Directors, Minnesota Women Lawyers Advisory Committee, Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education, Minnesota Supreme Court Gender Fairness Implementation Committee, and was a member of the Douglas Amdahl Inn of Court. Sanberg earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1982, and her bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1979.

The Tax Court hears appeals filed by taxpayers relating to any state or local tax, except special assessments. The Tax Court consists of three judges appointed by the Governor who have knowledge of taxation and tax laws.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MOYNIHAN TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Hastings** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Shawn M. Moynihan to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Hastings in Dakota County. The opening is as a result of the resignation of the Honorable Mary E. Pawlenty on February 12, 2007.

Moynihan is an attorney and partner with the Hastings law firm of Fluegel and Moynihan, and is the Hastings City Attorney and the prosecutor for the city of Rosemount. He has been an attorney with the Fluegel and Moynihan firm since 1992. Previously, Moynihan was an associate attorney with the Hastings law firm of Hertogs, Fluegel, Sieben, Polk, Jones, and Laverdiere from 1982 to 1992. Moynihan earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977.

"Shawn has a varied background in both civil and criminal law, and has tried hundreds of cases over his 25 years of practicing in Dakota County," Governor Pawlenty said. "But what sets Shawn apart is the respect he has among judges and practitioners for his interpersonal skills – his even temperament, and respectful manner."

Moynihan is a member of the American, Minnesota State, and Dakota County Bar Associations. He is a Boy Scout Leader for Troop 503 in Hastings, and a Cub Scout Leader for Pack 92 in Hastings, a funeral mass server for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, and a volunteer speaker for the Hastings Police Explorers program, Hastings High School, and the Hastings Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. He has also been a Hastings Youth Athletic Association coach, a member of the Dakota County Domestic Abuse Task Force, Hastings Crime Prevention Committee, Hastings Community Access Corporation Board of Directors, and United Way of Hastings, serving as president in 1995.

Moynihan, 52, was born in St. Paul, grew up in Apple Valley, and now lives in Hastings with his wife, Annette, and their four children, Meghan, 20, John, 17, Tom, 15, and Matthew, 10.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CLARK TO OSHA REVIEW BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle L. Clark to the Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Review Board.

Clark, of Alexandria, is an attorney with the Alexandria law firm of Tillitt, McCarten, Johnson, Haseman, Ltd. Clark earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School, and her bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice studies summa cum laude from St. Cloud State University.

Clark is currently president of the Douglas County Bar Association, a member of the Seventh Judicial District Ethics Committee, and the Minnesota State Bar Association Pro Bono Military Law Section. She is also a member of the American Red Cross Douglas County Chapter, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, St. John's Lutheran Church Board of Education, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Knob Hill Sportsman's Club, and is an Independent School District 206 Mentorship Program Mentor/Lunch Buddy. Clark replaces Steve Larson on the OSHA Review Board as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Board reviews cases involving OSHA citations and proposed penalties. The board consists of three members appointed by the Governor, including a representative of labor, management and the public.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SIX TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dawn G. Bidwell, Bonnie Engen, Susan Jacobson, Dr. Lee Pyles, M.D., James Rieber, and Dr. Mari C. Thomas, M.D. to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regulatory Board.

Bidwell, of Alexandria, is an emergency medical technician (EMT) and paramedic with Wheaton Ambulance Service, a paramedic with North Memorial Ambulance in Douglas County, and the coordinator of North Memorial EMS Education, Alexandria Division. She has over 30 years of experience in the emergency medical services field, previously holding positions as deputy coroner with the Metropolitan Regional Coroner's office, and an LPN with St. Francis Regional Medical Center. Bidwell is a past president of the Minnesota EMT Association, and has received numerous professional awards. Bidwell replaces Megan Hartigan as a paramedic member of the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Engen, of Bagley, is the administrator of the North Country Community Health Board, as well as the registered nurse (RN) and public health nurse (PHN) director for Clearwater County Nursing Service, and has 30 years of experience in nursing. She is also the Holst Township clerk, and secretary/treasurer of the Clearwater County Township Association and previously served four terms on the Clearbrook/Gonvick School Board. Engen replaces Donald Otte as a representative of a local board of health on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Jacobson, of St. Paul, is deputy chief of emergency medical services with the St. Paul Fire Department. She has 15 years of experience in fire service and emergency medical services with the St. Paul Fire Department, including five years as captain of a fire and paramedic company until her promotion to deputy chief. Jacobson is a certified EMT/paramedic with the National Registry as well as the State of Minnesota. She has been a board member of the sister city committee for Manzanillo, Mexico, and has served on a number of department and metropolitan area committees. Jacobson replaces James Aagenes as a representative of fire chiefs on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Pyles, of Edina, is an associate professor of pediatrics as well as an associate professor of emergency medicine with the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology, and is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology. Pyles is co-medical director of the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center, a member of the Minnesota EMS Regulatory Board Data Committee, and has served as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Pyles replaces Dr. Brian Moore as a representative of pediatricians with experience in emergency medical services on the EMS Regulatory Board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Rieber, of Perham, is the director of emergency medical services, information systems and technology for Perham Memorial Hospital. Previously, he has been a firefighter and medic with the Fargo Fire Department, a staff paramedic with St. Mary's EMS in Detroit Lakes, and a staff EMT and paramedic with the Fargo-Moorhead Ambulance Service. Rieber is vice chair of the Perham School Board, legislative chair for the West Central EMS Corporation, and a member of the Perham Rotary Club. Rieber replaces Michael Parrish as the chair, and as a representative of Minnesota hospitals on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Thomas, of Sauk Centre, is a board certified family physician and is a co-owner of, as well as a family physician with the Lakeview Medical Clinic in Sauk Centre. She is also a staff and emergency room physician with St. Michael's Hospital as well as its trauma program's medical director, is the Sauk Centre Ambulance medical director, and has previously served as the Stearns County Red Cross medical director. Thomas is a member of the EMS Regulatory Board medical director's standing advisory committee, and the Central Minnesota EMS Region medical director. Thomas replaces Dr. Mark Lindquist as a family practice physician involved in emergency medical services on the EMS Regulatory Board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board makes recommendations on improving access, delivery and effectiveness of the state's EMS delivery system and establishes procedures for investigating, hearing and resolving complaints against EMS providers. The board consists of 19 members, including 15 appointed by the Governor. Members may not serve more than one consecutive term on the board.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BERNHARDSON, CAHILL, AND KOCH TO FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

Minneapolis – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ivy S. Bernhardson, Peter A. Cahill and William H. Koch to three trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County. These vacancies are as a result of the retirement of the Honorable Thorwald H. Anderson on January 31, 2007, the Honorable Stephen D. Swanson on March 14, 2007, and the Honorable Robert H. Lynn on April 2, 2007. Sixty people applied for these positions.

Bernhardson is the chief legal officer at the Hazelden Foundation, a position she has held since 2004. She was a shareholder at the Leonard, Street and Deinard law firm in Minneapolis from 2000 to 2004, except for four months in 2002, when she was senior vice president and general counsel with Medica Health Plans in Minnetonka. Prior to joining Leonard Street and Deinard, she was a staff attorney, associate counsel, senior associate counsel, and associate general counsel with General Mills, Inc. in Golden Valley from 1978 to 2000. Bernhardson earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1978, and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1973.

"Our courts are best served by judges who bring a variety of professional experiences with them to the bench," Governor Pawlenty said. "Ivy has excelled in civil law, and her expertise in this area will be a great benefit to the Hennepin County courts."

Bernhardson is a member of the American, Minnesota State, and Hennepin County Bar Associations, as well as the American Health Lawyers Association, Corporate Counsel Association, University of St. Thomas Law School Board of Governors, and the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals, of which she is past president of the Twin Cities Chapter. She serves on the board of directors of the Greater Twin Cities United Way, is a trustee of the Bush Foundation, as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Board of Pensions. She is a past chair of the Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees, was chair of the Fairview Southdale Hospital Board, and was vice chair of the Fairview Health Services System Board.

Bernhardson, 55, was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and lives in Bloomington with her husband, Mark. They have two adult children, Andrew, 23, and Jenna, 20.

Cahill is the managing attorney in the special litigation division of the Hennepin County Attorney's office, a position he has held since January. He was the chief deputy attorney from 2000 through 2006, and has been an attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office since 1997. He was the founder and chief executive officer of The Blue Pages, Inc., from 1996 to 1997, a solo practitioner in Wayzata from 1993 to 1997, an attorney and partner with the law firm of Colich and Cahill in Minneapolis from 1988 to 1993, an associate attorney with the law firm of Colich and Wieland in Minneapolis from 1987 to 1988, and an assistant Fourth Judicial District public defender in Hennepin County from 1984 to 1987. Cahill earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts in 1981.

"Pete has a tremendous combination of trial experience and leadership in the administration of Hennepin County's judicial system," Governor Pawlenty said. "The contributions he will make as a district court judge will extend far beyond the courtroom itself."

Cahill is a member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, where he serves on the Criminal Law and Technology Committees, chaired the *Blakely* Work Group, and is a past member of the board of directors. He is also a member of the National District Attorneys Association, Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), Hennepin County Bar Association, Criminal Justice Institute Conference Planning Committee, and various CriMNet working groups. He is also a Wayzata High School Mock Trial Team Attorney Coach, MSBA High School State Mock Trial Tournament Volunteer Judge, and a member of the Plymouth Charter Commission.

Cahill, 48, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and lives in Plymouth with his wife Jane, and their four children, Sean, 23, Caitlin, 21, Daniel, 19, and Ashlyn, 16.

Koch is an assistant United States Attorney in Minneapolis, a position he has held sine 2000. He was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer in Sacramento, California from 1997 to 2000, an attorney and shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard in Minneapolis from 1991 to 1997, an area defense counsel with the United States Air Force at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland from 1990 to 1991, and a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Maryland, as well as a prosecutor with the United States Air Force from 1988 to 1990. Koch earned his juris doctorate degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1988, and his bachelor of science degree from Duke University in Durham, NC in 1985.

"Bill has a unique combination of experience as a prosecutor in the major crime section with the U.S. Attorney's office, a complex business litigator with two civil law firms, and a military defense lawyer," Governor Pawlenty said. "His broad-based background will be an asset as a district court judge."

Koch is a member of the American, Minnesota State, California State, and Hennepin County Bar Associations. He is a mentor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, a judge with the MSBA High School Mock Trial Competition, a judge with the University of Minnesota Law School Civil Rights Competition, and a judge with the National Hispanic Moot Court Competition. Koch is also president of Poplar Bridge Elementary School Parent-Teacher-Student Association, a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and a basketball and football coach with the Bloomington Athletic Association, as well as a basketball, soccer, and flag football coach with Southdale YMCA.

Koch, 43, was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, and lives in Bloomington with his wife, Laurie, and their two children, Jack, 10, and Kate, 7.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FAHEY TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Shakopee** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michael A. Fahey to a First Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Shakopee in Scott County. The opening occurred as a result of the disability retirement of the Honorable Michael A. Young on December 31, 2006.

Fahey is the Carver County Attorney, a position he has held since 1987. Previously, he was an associate attorney and partner with the Chaska law firm of Nicklaus, Monroe and Fahey from 1978 through 1986. Fahey earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from St. Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1975.

"Over the course of the 20 years that Mike has been the Carver County Attorney, he has earned the reputation as a principled and fair prosecutor, and has demonstrated great leadership in county matters," Governor Pawlenty said. "Mike's background trying many of the types of cases the courts handle, as well as his personal demeanor will make him an immediate asset to the Scott County bench."

Fahey is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and a member and past president of the Eighth District Bar Association, currently serving on its Ethics Committee. He is also a member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association Board of Directors, Minnesota Urban County Attorneys Association, and National District Attorneys Association. Fahey is also the director of the Boy Scouts of America career development program in the justice system for high schools in Carver County, a Governor-appointed member of the Minnesota State High School League, a member of the Bolder Options Mentor Program, Carver County Historical Society Board of Directors, Chaska Rotary Club, and a member of the board of directors and past president of the St. John's University alumni lettermen's club.

Fahey, 53, was born in Glencoe, and lives in Carver. He has two children, Nick, 22, and Maura, 20.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Marjorie "Midge" Dean, Sandra Frauenshuh, Thomas Ritzer, and Maureen Shaver, and the reappointment of Ardith Beveridge to the Governor's Residence Council. All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Beveridge, of Minneapolis, is the director of education and an instructor at Koehler and Dramm's Institute of Floristry in Minneapolis, and owns Floral Communications, a consulting and training company that assists industry, individuals and businesses. She is also a member of the Smithers Oasis and Teleflora Design Team. Beveridge, who has been a member of the Governor's Residence Council since February 2006, is appointed to a full four-year term as a public member.

Dean, of St. Cloud, is a private event planner and fundraiser, and has been a consultant for many events over the years. She is active in Salem Lutheran Church, and has been a civic and community volunteer with organizations that have included the YMCA in St. Cloud, St. Cloud Boy Scouts, and is a past member of the Hennepin County Library Foundation Board. She had also previously served on the Governor's Residence Council in the 1990s. Dean replaces Christine Carmichael as a public member.

Frauenshuh, of Edina, is a design coordinator on interior design projects with the family's commercial real estate business. She is also a substitute teacher with the Edina public schools. She is a member of the Cross View Lutheran Church, serving as a Stephen Minister, Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, and a member of the board of outreach. She has served on the Inver Hills Community College Advisory Board, Salvation Army, Concordia University Art Programming Task Force, and American Association of University Women. Frauenshuh replaces Marla Ordway on the Governor's Residence Council as a public member.

Ritzer, of Roseville, is the campus landscape architect with the University of Minnesota Facilities Management Division where he is responsible for design review, project design, and installation of campus landscape projects.

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Ritzer previously held landscape architect positions with Barton, Aschman Associates, and LHB Engineers and Architects. He earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Ritzer replaces Michael McGarvey on the Governor's Residence Council for a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Shaver, of Deephaven, is a homemaker, community volunteer, and a former legislative lobbyist. Shaver replaces Mary Griesdeck Sperling on the Governor's Residence Council as a public member.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Matthew Ashmore, Daniel Greensweig, and Richard Loveland, and the reappointment of Alina Granholm to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education.

Ashmore, of Hibbing, is a firefighter and paramedic with the Hibbing Fire Department, and a fire and EMS instructor at Mesabi Range College in Virginia. He serves as president of the Hibbing Firefighters Local 173, and vice president of District 6 of the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association (MPFF). Ashmore replaced Kathleen Mullen as a full-time firefighter member representing the MPFF for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Granholm, of Esko, is an independent contractor with the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association editing its *Minnesota Fire Chief* magazine. She is a member of the Thomson Township-Esko Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a firefighter and first responder. She also serves on the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors. Granholm, who has been a member of the board since May 2006, is appointed as a representative of volunteer firefighters to a full four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Greensweig, of Circle Pines, is the director of operations and general counsel with the Minnesota Association of Townships. He is also a member of the Circle Pines City Council and serves on the board of the Centennial Fire District. Greensweig replaces Troy Gilchrist, who resigned, as a representative of townships to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Loveland, of Moorhead, is a firefighter and EMT with the Moorhead Fire Department and a fire training instructor and coordinator at Moorhead State Community and Technical College. He serves as vice president of the northern district of the Minnesota Professional Firefighters Association (MPFF), and is an executive board member of the association. Loveland replaces Dennis Andrist, who resigned, as a full-time firefighter member representing the MPFF to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Firefighter Training and Education reviews fire service training needs, establishes standards for educational programs and establishes qualifications for fire service training instructors. The Board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO SERVEMINNESOTA COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Karen Anderson, Kate Kelly, Adam Leonard, Shawn Murphy, Martha Jones Sichko, and Christine Wiegert, and the reappointment of Robert Rumpza and Judith Russell to the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service, also known as the ServeMinnesota Commission.

Anderson, of Independence, is a management and fundraising consultant and has a wealth of experience working with non-profits. Anderson is completing her masters degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of public affairs. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a board member of the Friends of the Minnesota Foundation for Student Organizations. Anderson replaces Diane Carlson, who resigned, as a community member to complete a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2007.

Kelly, of Plymouth, is the region president and wealth management director at Bremer Bank in St. Paul. She has over 23 years of experience in the banking industry. Kelly has an MBA in finance from the University of Minnesota and a BA from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. She chairs the Business Advisory Council for Minnesota Reading Corp., teaches art enrichment classes, and volunteers on a variety of school projects. Kelly replaces David Nasby as a business representative on the commission for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

Leonard, of Minneapolis, is a child services specialist with the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in St. Paul, and had been an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow with the Wilder Foundation from September 2005 to July 2006. Leonard earned his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in 2005 from St. John's University in Collegeville. Leonard replaces Terrell Adams on the commission as a youth member for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

Murphy, of Inver Grove Heights, is the director of communications for Lee F. Murphy, Inc. Insurance Agency in St. Paul. He is a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard, American Legion Boy's State Program, and a Boy Scout Leader. An Eagle Scout, Murphy was founder and president of the Sigma Tau Omega Service Organization, founder of the University of Wisconsin – River Falls Management Association, and a member of the St. Thomas Academy Alumni Board of Directors. Murphy replaces Paul Cumings as a member representing national services programs for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

Rumpza, of Eden Prairie, is senior vice president of public relations with Nicholson Kovac Inc. His extensive experience in brand communications, marketing, public relations and public affairs has earned him the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil award for his public relations work on behalf of the U.S. dairy industry. Rumpza, who has been a member of the commission since 2003 and is its current chair, is reappointed as a community member to another three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

Russell, of Stillwater, is a licensed social worker with over 35 years of professional experience in human services and community organizations. She serves on the Ripley Foundation, and was a founder of the Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administration and currently serves on its board of directors. Russell, who has been a member of the commission since November 2005, is reappointed as a community member to a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

Sichko, of Woodbury, is an executive counsel with The Links Group public relations firm in Minneapolis. She returned to Minnesota in 2006 from Washington, D.C., where she held positions of vice president of media and crisis communications with Hill and Knowlton Public Relations, director of relationship outreach in the American Red Cross's Communications and Marketing Department, and director of corporate development in the United Service Organization's world headquarters. Sichko has volunteered at the Walter Reed U.S. Army Hospital, George Washington University Hospital, and the American Cancer Society in Minnesota. Sichko has a masters of public administration degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Sichko replaces Terry Hoffman, who resigned, as a community member to complete a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2008.

Wiegert, of North St. Paul, is vice president of marketing and business development with TKDA, an engineering, architectural and planning firm based in St. Paul. She also serves on the firm's management committee, where she is on a team that manages TKDA's daily operations, and is responsible for developing marketing plans and objectives to deliver firm-wide business growth. Wiegert is an active member of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce's Central Corridor Business Partnership Committee and the Roseville Rotary Club. Wiegert earned her bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Wiegert replaces Jay Esmay on the commission as a community member for a three-year term that expires on August 1, 2010.

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service coordinates volunteer learning service programs, administers the youth works grant program as well as the federal Americorps program. The commission consists of 25 members, including 24 appointed by the governor, the Commissioner of Education plus four ex-officio legislative members.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, GEOSCIENCE, AND INTERIOR DESIGN

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gary E. Demele, Thomas W. Grue, Lisa M. Hanni, Bruce D. Johnson, and the reappointment of Billie Lawton to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design. All five are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Demele, of Orono, has been an architect and project manager with WCL Associates, Inc, in Minneapolis, since 1994. He has been a licensed architect in Minnesota since 1980 and a professional architect for 32 years. He is an active member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serving as its state Intern Development Program (IDP) coordinator, Architect Registration Exam (ARE) Review Course Instructor, and chair of its IDP/ARE Task Force. He was awarded with the AIA of Minnesota's presidential citation for IDP work in 1998. Demele replaces James O'Brien as a representative of architects.

Grue, of Monticello, is the safety coordinator with the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. He has held facility manager and plant engineer positions with a number of companies in Minnesota during his 27-year career as a professional engineer. Grue is a registered professional engineer (mechanical) in Minnesota, a member of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers, a certified energy manager with the Association of Energy Engineers, a certified safety professional, and holds and RPA designation from the Building Owners and Managers Association International. Grue replaces William Sutherland as a representative of professional engineers.

Hanni, of Hampton, has been the Goodhue County recorder and register of titles since 2005, Goodhue County land use management director since 2002, and Goodhue County surveyor since 1998. She was also the interim Goodhue County Administrator from September 2006 until January 2007. Hanni has been a licensed land surveyor in Minnesota since 1994, and has been a member of the Minnesota Association of County Surveyors since 1993. She is also a member and former president of the Capitol Area Land Surveyors Association, a member of the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium, a member of the Professional Exam Committee, and previously served on the Governor's Council on Geographic Information. Hanni replaces William Brown as a representative of land surveyors.

Johnson, of Eagan, is the principal geologist and vice president of Summit Envirosolutions in St. Paul. He has over 20 years of environmental, geologic, and hydrogeologic experience in the professional consulting field. He is a professional geologist in Minnesota, was president of the Minnesota Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists in 2000, and is a member of the Minnesota Ground Water Association, and the Minnesota Water Well Association. Johnson replaces Michael Kunz as a representative of geoscientists.

Lawton, of Minneapolis, is a retired administrative faculty member of the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts as an educational and vocational advisor. Since retiring, she has served as a board member of her condominium association, fund-raiser for the Pacer Center, and a regional Ford Motor Company Arbitration Board member. She has been a member of the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design since 2003, and currently serves as chair of the complaint committee. Lawton is reappointed as a public member.

The Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design licenses and regulates architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, geoscientists and certifies interior designers. The board consists of 21 members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Freddie L. Davis-English and Steven R. Hubbard to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC).

Davis-English, of Plymouth, recently retired as a division director with the Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections. She worked for Hennepin County for 36 years, as a juvenile corrections unit supervisor in its Home School, corrections unit supervisor in its Probation and Parole Division, and division manager and superintendent in its Juvenile Detention Division. Davis-English has extensive involvement in the community as chair of YouthLink, vice chair of the Minnesota Board of Behavior Health and Therapy, vice chair of the five-state Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Affordable Housing Advisory Council, a charter member and former chair of the Juvenile Female Advisory Committee, and a member of the Female Offender Task Force, Minnesota Supreme Court Race Bias Implementation Committee, and African American Family Services. She has also served as president of the St. Paul Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, secretary of the Minneapolis NAACP, a member of the Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Committee, the Coalition of Black Churches African American Leadership Summit, and on the boards of Ruth Hawkins YWCA and the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center in Minneapolis. Davis-English replaces Amanda Voight Raymond, who resigned, to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Hubbard, of Faribault, is president and chief executive officer of Sheriffs Youth Programs of Minnesota, a community-based agency providing services to children and families in nine sites throughout Minnesota that include residential, group care, shelter, short-term consequence, professional family foster care, chemical dependency treatment, in-home family services, after school and summer camp. He has held this position since 2000. Previously, Hubbard was the director of community services (1988-2000) and director of residential services (1978-1988) for the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Georgia. Hubbard began his career in 1969 as a social worker and juvenile probation officer. He is a member and former vice-chair of the Coalition for Affordable/Transitional Housing, a member of the Minnesota Social Services Association, National Fellowship of Child Care Executives, and Alliance for Children and Families. He is also a past member of the boards of the Minnesota Council of Non-Profits, and Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies, and was a Dakota County Board-appointed member of the Dakota County Partnership for Healthy Communities. Hubbard replaces Jenel Wavra, who resigned, to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee awards grants and carries out the state plan of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The committee consists of 18 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ILKKA TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Stillwater** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Richard C. Ilkka to a Tenth Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Stillwater in Washington County. The opening occurred as a result of the retirement of the Honorable John Edward Cass on February 2, 2007.

Ilkka has been a self-employed attorney in Stillwater since 1990, a contract Washington County civil public defender since 1989, and the Oakdale city attorney since 1993. He was an attorney with the Magnuson Law Firm in Stillwater from 1989 to 1990 and a Tenth Judicial District law clerk in Stillwater from 1987 to 1989. Ilkka earned his juris doctorate degree (1986) and his bachelor of arts degree (1983) from the University of Minnesota.

"Rich has practiced law in Stillwater since graduating law school, and has earned a tremendous level of respect among lawyers, judges and court staff for his intellect, work ethic, and demeanor," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be a great addition to the Washington County bench."

Ilkka is past president of the 19<sup>th</sup> District Bar Association and past chair of its Ethics Committee. He is also a member of the Washington County Bar Association, and has served on the Washington County Mentally Ill Offender Task Force, Washington County Courts Planning Committee, Washington County Crime Victims Ad Hoc Committee, Oakdale Citizens Academy, and the local organizing committee of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Judiciary in Minnesota in 1999. He was also given the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award of Recognition for achievement in the prosecution of DUI offenders in 1994.

Ilkka, 45, was born in Minneapolis, grew up in Stillwater, and lives in Oak Park Heights with his wife, Anne, and their two children.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KLEIS TO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dave Kleis to the Commission on Judicial Selection.

Kleis, of St. Cloud, is the mayor of St. Cloud, a position he has held since November 2005. He served in the Minnesota State Senate from 1995 through 2005, and was the ranking minority member of the Senate Crime Prevention Committee for six years. Kleis owns the Central Minnesota Driving Academy, a driver's education business in St. Cloud. He is a nine-year veteran of the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve, and a 1989 magna cum laude graduate of St. Cloud State University. Kleis replaces Carrie Ruud as an at-large non-attorney member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Commission on Judicial Selection solicits judicial candidates, evaluates applicants and recommends three to five finalists to the governor for district court and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 49 members; 27 appointed by the Governor, and 22 by the Supreme Court.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS LAMB TO ELECTRONIC REAL ESTATE RECORDING TASK FORCE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Peter W. Lamb to the Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force.

Lamb, of Hastings, is the title manager with North American Title Company in Bloomington, a position he has held since 1996. He was also a supervisor and head abstracter with Cornerstone Title in Bloomington from 1991 to 1996, a title examiner with TRW Corporation in Bloomington from 1987 to 1991, an abstracter with Walsh Title Corporation in Edina from 1984 to 1987, and a property inspector with Title Services, Inc. in St. Paul from 1981 to 1984. Lamb replaces Geri Kane as a representative of title companies to complete a term that expires on June 30, 2008.

The Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force was created by the 2005 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota, 2005, Chapter 156, Article 2, Section 41) to implement and make recommendations for implementation of electronic filing and recording of real estate documents. The Task Force consists of 17 members, including nine appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THIRTEEN TO EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Butch Eggen, Wayne Kostroski, Deanna Pekar, Cynthya Porter, and Kathy Silverthorn, and the reappointment of Maureen Hooley Bausch, Bonnie L. Carlson, Merrill "Dutch" Cragun, Randy Gutzmann, Deborah Lloyd, Lisa Paxton, Dr. Ingrid E. Schneider, Ph.D., and Henry "Hank" R. Todd to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council.

Bausch, of Mendota Heights, is vice president of business development for the Mall of America in Bloomington. Bausch, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of retail for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Carlson, of Victoria, is president and chief executive officer of the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Carlson, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of the Metropolitan Tourism Region for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Cragun, of Brainerd, is the owner of Cragun's Conference and Golf Resort in Brainerd. Cragun, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of resorts for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Eggen, of Crane Lake, is co-owner and president of Nelson's Resort in Crane Lake, a self-employed professional wilderness guide, and a real estate broker with BIC Realty in Cook. He is a member and past president of the Minnesota Resort and Campground Association, a board member of the Minnesota Association of Realtors, and has been a board member of Hospitality Minnesota. Eggen replaces Shawn Mason as a representative of the North East Tourism Region for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Gutzmann, of Stillwater, is a self-employed event planner, sales coordinator for the Water Street Inn in Stillwater, and an instructor in the certified festival and event manager program at the University of Minnesota Tourism Center. Gutzmann, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of festivals and events for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Kostroski, of Edina, is a co-owner of Cuisine Concepts, which includes Bar Abilene in uptown Minneapolis, Tejas in Edina, and the Franklin Street Bakery in Minneapolis. He created and produced the first Taste of the NFL in conjunction with the 1992 Super Bowl in Minneapolis. In its 16-year history, the Taste of the NFL has distributed in excess of 6.6 million dollars to local and national hunger relief programs. Kostroski has served on the national board of the End Hunger Network, has chaired the Minnesota Taste of the Nation, has been a member of the board for the Second Harvest St. Paul Food Bank, is past president of the Minnesota Restaurant Association, past chair of the Edina Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the board of directors of the Upper Midwest Hospitality Association. Kostroski replaces Blaine Breault as a representative of restaurants for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Lloyd, of Chanhassen, is a product manager with MLT Vacations in Edina. Lloyd, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of transportation for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Paxton, of Brainerd, is the chief executive officer of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber. She has been the Northcentral/West Regional Manager for Explore Minnesota Tourism, and the sales manager for the Northcentral/West Travel Guide. Paxton, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004 and currently chairs its Public Policy Committee, is reappointed as a representative of the Northcentral/West Tourism Region for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Pekar, of Brainerd, owns Sullivans Resort and Campground in Brainerd, and is also an information systems implementation specialist with Dairyland Healthcare Solutions in Glenwood. She previously owned Blacks Crescent Beach Resort in Osakis, and has served as an interim accounting instructor at Alexandria Technical School in Alexandria. Pekar is a member of the Minnesota Campground Association, past president of the Lake Osakis Resort Association, and served as a board member of the Alexandria Resort Association. Pekar replaces Wally Heise as a representative of campgrounds for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Porter, of Winona, is the news editor for the Winona Post in Winona. She also does a lot of freelance writing and travel photography projects for publications including AAA Living. Porter is a 25-time state and national award winning writer and photographer, and was awarded the Explore Minnesota's Minnesota Travel Writing Media Award in 2004. She is also the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Winona Council Chair. Porter replaces Thomas Whelan as a representative of travel media for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Schneider, of Mahtomedi, is the director of the University of Minnesota (U of M) Tourism Center, and an associate professor in the U of M's Department of Forest Resources. Schneider, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of the University of Minnesota Tourism Center for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Silverthorn, of Red Wing, is the executive director of the Red Wing Visitors and Convention Bureau. She previously was the executive director of the Fairmont Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Silverthorn is past president of the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association, and had been a member of the Minnesota Office of Tourism's Tourism Advisory Committee. Silverthorn replaces Shawn Radford, who resigned, to complete a term that expires on January 7, 2008 as a representative of the Southern Tourism Region.

Todd, of Woodbury, is vice president of the Carlson Destination Marketing Services Division of the Carlson Leisure Group, and vice president of business development, government, and tourism for Carlson Companies. Todd previous employment positions include serving as the director of the Minnesota Office of Tourism for 17 years. Todd, who has been a member of the council since its inception in 2004, is reappointed as a representative of travel agencies for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Explore Minnesota Tourism Council was created to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international travel market. The council consists of 28 members, including 23 appointed by the Governor. The director of Explore Minnesota Tourism chairs the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council.



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## GOVERNOR PAWALENTY APPOINTS OLSON AND ELLEFSON TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Wayne Ellefson and the appointment of Susan M. Olson to the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation. Both are appointed to five-year terms that expire on June 30, 2012.

Ellefson, Elk River, is the financial secretary/treasurer with United Auto Workers' Union Local 683. Ellefson has served on the council since its inception in 1992 as a representative of labor.

Olson, of Austin, is a corporate attorney with Hormel Foods Corporation in Austin. She earned her juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and her bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Mankato State University. Olson replaces James Cavanaugh on the council as a representative of business.

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation advises the Department of Labor and Industry and makes recommendations to the legislature on the state's workers' compensation laws. The council consists of 12 members, including two appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of 16 members, including three new appointees, to the Metropolitan Council. The Governor's new appointees are Kirstin Beach, Sherry Broecker, and Brian Lundquist. They join Richard Aguilar, Georgeanne Hilker, Peggy Leppik, Brian McDaniel, Annette Meeks, Tony Pistilli, Kris Sanda, Roger Scherer, Mary Hill Smith, Natalie Haas Steffen, Russell Susag, Lynette Wittsack, and Daniel Wolter. All 16 members are appointed to four-year terms – co-terminus with the Governor's – that expire on January 3, 2011. Earlier this year the Governor announced the reappointment of Peter Bell as chair of the Metropolitan Council.

Aguilar, of West St. Paul, is president and CEO of Aguilar Marketing Productions, which produces conferences and events focused on multicultural markets. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 2003, and serves on its Transportation and Community Development Committees. Aguilar is reappointed to Council District 13.

Beach, of St. Paul, is the senior executive assistant to the chief financial officer at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a position she has held since 2002. She serves on the child care committee for St. Paul's Childhood Center; is a board member and treasurer for the Center for Parental Responsibility, a 501(c)3 organization that helps non-custodial parents be fully and equally involved in the lives of their children; and is a church council member and women's Bible study teacher at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Beach replaces Song Lo Fawcett on the Metropolitan Council in District 14.

Broecker, of Forest Lake, is a member of the Forest Lake Planning Commission, served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1995 through 2000, and was a member of the Vadnais Heights City Council from 1987 through 1994. A small business owner and sales consultant with Bachman's, Broecker is also a member of the Minnesota Zoological Board of Directors, past chair of the Department of Corrections Planning Group, and a past member of the Youth Services Bureau of Forest Lake, and the Minnesota Compensation Council. Broecker replaces Chris Georgacas on the Metropolitan Council in District 12.

Hilker, of White Bear Lake, is the assistant to the Commissioner of Iron Range Resources. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 2003 and serves on its Transportation and Environment Committees. Hilker is reappointed to Council District 11.

Leppik, of Golden Valley, served six terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since March 2003, and currently chairs its Environment Committee. Leppik is reappointed to Metropolitan Council District Six.

Lundquist, of Chanhassen, is the director of manufacturing for plant optimization, mergers and acquisitions with Con Agra Foods, a position he has held since June 2006. He previously held plant manager and operations business manager positions with Con Agra's Store Brands Division. Lundquist was an elected member of the Chanhassen City Council from 2002 to 2006, and also served on the city's Economic Development Authority during that time. He is a member of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Transportation and Labor Policy Advisory Committee, Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, and served on its Board of Directors. Lundquist replaces Julius Smith on the Metropolitan Council in District Four.

McDaniel, of Apple Valley, is the director of government affairs with the Department of Employment and Economic Development. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 2003, and serves on its Community Development and Transportation Committees. McDaniel is reappointed to Council District 16.

Meeks, of Minneapolis, is founder and president of the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since March 2003, is vice-chair of the Community Development Committee, and a member of the Transportation Committee. Meeks is reappointed to Council District Seven.

Pistilli, of Brooklyn Park, is the chief retail appraiser and vice president of consumer banking risk management with U.S. Bank. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since March 2003, and serves on its Community Development and Management Committees. Pistilli is reappointed to Metropolitan Council District Two.

Sanda, of Blaine, has had a long career in public service, serving in the administration of five Minnesota Governors. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 2005, and serves on its Management and Community Development Committees. Sanda is reappointed to Metropolitan Council District 10.

Scherer, of Plymouth, is the retired president and chairman of the board of Scherer Bros. Lumber Company. He previously served on the Metropolitan Council from 1980 to 1984, again from 1992 to 1998 and since 2003. Scherer, who chairs the Management Committee and is a member of the Environment Committee, is reappointed to Council District One.

Smith, of Wayzata, is very active in civic and community affairs. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 1993, chairs its Transportation Committee, and serves on its Management Committee. Smith is reappointed to Metropolitan Council District Three.

Steffen, of Ramsey, has previously served as a member of the Ramsey City Council, commissioner of the Department of Human Services, and an Anoka County Commissioner. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 1999, and serves on its Transportation and Community Development Committees. Steffen is reappointed to Council District Nine.

Susag, of Richfield, retired as the director of environmental regulatory affairs with 3M. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since March 2003, is vice-chair of the Environment Committee, and a member of the Transportation Committee. Susag is reappointed to Council District Five.

Wittsack, of Minneapolis, is a stay-at-home mother with three children. She has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since March 2003, chairs its Audit Committee, and is a member of the Management and Environment Committees. Wittsack is reappointed to Council District Eight.

Wolter, of Eagan, is the director of University of Minnesota's University News Service. He has been a member of the Metropolitan Council since 2005, and serves on its Transportation and Environment Committees. Wolter is reappointed to Council District 15.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO BOARD ON AGING

~ Names Mary Koep of Brainerd Chair ~

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Carol Lee Bratter, R. D. Brown, Susan R. Kratzke, Heidi Michaels, Chrisanne K. Pieper, and Ellie M. Vollmer, and the reappointment of Richard W. Jackson, Grace K. Lee, and Julie Storm to the Minnesota Board on Aging. In addition, the Governor has designated Mary Koep chair of the board for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007.

Bratter, of Edina, owns a business practice where she serves as a life transitions coach for aging professionals and individual who are facing personal and/or professional life challenges. She also originated People Helpers Time Bank, a Twin Cities-based service credit volunteer program. Bratter replaces Ann Meissner for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Brown, of St. Paul, recently retired as the vice president of child and family support services with the Children's Home Society and Family Services. His community activities include having served on the St. Paul Mayor's Committee on Aging. Brown replaces Adrienne Breiner on the board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Jackson, of Princeton, is a retired businessman and former Mille Lacs County Commissioner. Jackson, who has been a member of the board since 2003 and co-chairs its Program Operations Committee, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Kratzke, of Mankato, is the executive administrator with The Thro Company in Mankato, where she is responsible for the overall operations of five nursing homes and two assisted living facilities, and has 25 years in the delivery of healthcare and aging services. Kratzke replaces David Janovy on the board for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Lee, of Minneapolis, is a teaching specialist, field instructor, and consultant with the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work. She founded the Korean Service Center in Minneapolis, where she developed cross-cultural programs to benefit elderly immigrants, and she is a member of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. Lee, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Michaels, of Andover, is an insurance agent with Dyste William in Minneapolis where she specializes in health, long term care, and disability insurance. She is also a member of the Society of Certified Senior Advisors. Michaels replaces Antoinette Baker for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Pieper, of Rochester, is an adult enrichment coordinator with Rochester Community Education and the senior program director with Rochester Community and Technical College. Her community activities include serving on the Olmsted County Vital Aging Commission, the Olmsted County Senior Summit, and Coffee and Conversation Forums. Pieper replaces Jeannette Metz for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Storm, of Mankato, is a registered nurse who has held a number of employment positions in the Mankato area, which include recently working part-time in marketing and sales for Old Main Village, an independent senior living facility in Mankato. She is also a former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives. Storm, who has been a member of the Board on Aging since 2003 and was a national delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 2005, is reappointed to another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Vollmer, of Perham, has held a variety of positions in the aging field for over 15 years, and has a master of science degree in gerontology from the University of Southern California. She is also a volunteer with Kinship of Perham. Vollmer replaces Maria Gomez on the board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Incoming Chair Mary Koep, of Brainerd, has served on the Board on Aging since 2003. She also previously served as two-term member of the board. Koep is a former member of the Brainerd City Council and former member of the Crow Wing County Board.

The Minnesota Board on Aging develops, coordinates, evaluates and administers federal and state funds for programs for the aging; makes grants to 14 area agencies on aging and non-profit agencies; and serves as an advocate for older persons. The board consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Robert Nelson, Lisa Lebedoff Peilen, and Andy Westerberg, and the reappointment of Bert McKasy, Paul G. Rehkamp, Molly Sigel, and Sherry Stenerson to the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

McKasy, of Inver Grove Heights, is an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Lindquist and Vennum, practicing in the areas of insurance and corporate law and governmental affairs. Prior to joining Lindquist and Vennum, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, chief of staff to former U.S. Senator David Durenberger, and served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. McKasy, who has been a member of the MAC since 1999 and is currently vice-chair, is reappointed as a resident of MAC District "H" for another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Nelson, of Woodbury, is the owner of R. L. Nelson and Associates, a management consulting firm, and is chairman of the board of directors of Ballistic Recovery Inc. He has also served as president, CEO and CFO of the firm. Nelson has also been president and COO of Wipaire, Inc. in South St. Paul, senior vice president of commercial loans with American National Bank in St. Paul, marketing and finance positions with Grumman Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio, and Savannah, Georgia, administrator of sales with Rockwell Aircraft Corporation in Albany, Georgia, sales and marketing with Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas, and an assistant engineer with McDonald Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri. A single engine, instrument rated airplane pilot, Nelson is a member of the Woodbury Economic Development Authority and serves on its Audit Committee, and the Salvation Army Booth Brown House Advisory Board. Nelson replaces John Lanners as a resident of MAC District "F" for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Peilen, of St. Louis Park, has held a number of part-time jobs and served on a number of community boards while raising her children, including Conservation Minnesota (formerly known as the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters), and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Trustee Candidate Advisory Council. Peilen is past president of the Smith College Club of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota Hillel Advisory Board, and has been a member of the Governor's Stadium Screening Commission, Hennepin County Library Foundation Board, Minneapolis Jewish Federation Board, Children's Health Care Foundation Board, and Hennepin County Park Reserve District (now the Three Rivers Park District) Board. During her professional career, Peilen worked in government relations with First Bank System (now U.S. Bank), was a staff analyst in the corporate planning department of General Mills, and was Minnesota's Tourism Director.

Peilen replaces Kari Berman on the MAC as a resident of District "C" to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Rehkamp, of Marshall, is the funeral director with Rehkamp-Horvath Funeral Homes in Marshall. He is a retired Major General with 35 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve. Rehkamp's community activities include having served as a past chair of the Marshall Area YMCA, two-time past president of the Marshall Industries Foundation, Inc., past president of the Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation, and a former member of the Marshall Board of Education and a former member of the board of directors of Community First Banks in Marshall and Ivanhoe. Rehkamp, who has been a member of the MAC since 1993, is reappointed as a representative of a county containing an intermediate airport for another four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Sigel, of Deephaven, is a community volunteer and a stay-at-home mother raising three young children. She served as Governor Pawlenty's inaugural coordinator in 2003 and 2007. Previously, Sigel has held positions as a legislative affairs director with the Minneapolis law firm of Dorsey and Whitney, director of government relations with the Minneapolis law firm of Winthrop and Weinstine, and associate director of state legislation with the Minnesota Medical Association. Sigel, who has been a member of the MAC since 2005 and serves on the Finance, Development and Environment Committee, is reappointed as a resident of District "B" to a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Stenerson, of Maple Grove, is general counsel with Factory Motor Parts Company in Eagan. She is a Major in the United States Army Reserve and served on active duty as a U. S. Army Judge Advocate, legal assistance attorney, and chief of the Soldier Readiness Section in Fort McCoy, Wisconsin until January 2007. Stenerson's legal experience has included positions as an attorney and shareholder with Trudeau Corporate Legal in Minnetonka, an associate attorney with the Meagher and Geer law firm in Minneapolis, a corporate attorney with Rosemount, Inc. in Eden Prairie, where she also clerked. She has also had business experience as a buyer and manager with the Macy's North Division of Federated Department Stores, a senior business analyst in the furniture divisions of Casegoods and Design Studio and Lamps and Accessories, and a manager with Rosedale Marketplace Foods. Stenerson was a member of the MAC from 2005 until earlier this year. She replaces Tammy McGee as a resident of District "A", for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Westerberg, of Blaine, owns a Farmers Insurance agency in Coon Rapids. He served four terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was chair of the House Gaming Division. Westerberg is past president of the North-Metro Association of Life Underwriters, and past director of the Fellowship of Christian Golfers. He has also been a member of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, Spring Lake Park Lions Club, Blaine Budget Committee, Metro-North Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, volunteer firefighter, civil air patrol, and has been active in Way of the Lord Church in Blaine. Westerberg fills Sherry Stenerson's position on the MAC as a resident of District "E" to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission promotes air transportation locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by developing the Twin Cities metropolitan area as an aviation center. The commission consists of 15 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the mayor of Minneapolis and one appointed by the mayor of St. Paul.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS WILLIAMS TO VETERANS HOMES BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dan J. Williams, Sr. to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors.

Williams, of Vadnais Heights, has been president and CEO of Masters, Williams and Associates, an information technology consulting firm, since 2002. From 2001-02, he was North American vice president at ASP Consulting, an international consulting firm headquartered in Vienna, Austria. He is also an ordained minister and the founder of Grace Resurrection Ministries. In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Williams to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, a \$56 billion government-sponsored enterprise. In 2006, he moved from being vice chair of the board into a transition team position to help run the bank while they went through a hiring process for a new president and CEO. He also serves on the Minnesota Institute of Public Health Board of Directors.

Williams served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 1971-74. Williams attended Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Mankato State University, and Augsburg College with a major in management information systems. Williams, who has been a member of the Veterans Homes Board of Directors since 2003, is reappointed as a public member to another four-year terms that expires January 3, 2011.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BOYD AND REHA TO PUC

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. David Boyd, Ph.D., and the reappointment of Phyllis Reha to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

"As the PUC broadens its responsibilities to include planning for Minnesota's energy future, it is important that commissioners have the intellect, vision and balance to carry out that role," Governor Pawlenty said. "Phyllis and David fit the bill."

Boyd, of Lakeville, is a professor of chemistry and chair of the Chemistry Department at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. He has been department chair since 2001, a full professor since 2003, an associate professor from 1994 to 2003, and an assistant professor from 1989 to 1994. Boyd serves on the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, and has served on the Educational Policy Committee, and the Task Force on Undergraduate Engineering. Boyd was named the Aquinas Scholars Professor of the Year in 1994.

A member of the American Chemical Society, Boyd was elected to two terms as treasurer of the Minnesota Section. He is also a member of the Materials Research Society and the Minnesota Academy of Science. Boyd earned his doctorate degree in inorganic chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1987, and his bachelor of arts degree with a double major in chemistry and biology in 1982 from St. Olaf College. Boyd replaces Kenneth Nickolai on the commission to complete a six-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Reha, of Eagan, has been a member of the commission since 2001 and is currently its vice-chair. Since her appointment to the PUC, Reha has distinguished herself among national utility regulatory bodies and associations. She is currently president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, chair of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners' Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, co-chair of a Federal/State Collaborative Dialogue on Coordination of Electricity Demand Response Policies, and was a member of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Leadership Group convened by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy.

Prior to her appointment to the PUC, Reha was an administrative law judge at the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings from 1980 to 2001, where she also became a mediator in 1984, a supervisor in the Complex Case Unit Appellate Section with the Minnesota Department of Economic Security from 1978 to 1980, an administrative appeals referee with the department from 1975 to 1978, the managing attorney for the Michigan Migrant legal Assistance Project from 1974 to 1975, and a staff attorney with the project from 1972 to 1974. Reha earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota (U of M) Law School in 1972, and her bachelor of arts degree from the U of M in 1969. Reha is reappointed to another six-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five commissioners who serve in full-time, paid positions at an annual salary of \$88,448. The PUC regulates the rates and services of electric, natural gas and telephone companies. The Commission acts through public hearings, contested case hearings, rule-making hearings, and informal complaint resolutions.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS JOHNSON TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Judge Thomas L. Johnson as Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA).

Johnson, of Eagan, has been a Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge since 1992, and has served as Chief Judge since 2002. He was a trial judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings from 1987 to 1992, an attorney and partner with the Scholle and Scholle law firm in Minneapolis from 1977 to 1987, where he specialized in insurance defense litigation in the areas of workers' compensation, person injury, products liability, no-fault liability, uninsured motorist arbitration, fire and casualty and subrogation claims. From 1973 to 1977, Johnson was an attorney and partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Callinan and Raidt, where he practiced in the areas of corporate law, real estate, personal injury, anti-trust law, and domestic relations. He was also an attorney in the Minneapolis City Attorney's office from 1971 to 1973, and an attorney with Briggs Transportation Company in Roseville from 1969 to 1971.

Johnson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1969, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of St. Thomas in 1966.

Johnson is a member and past president of the Hennepin County Bar Foundation, and served on the boards of directors of the National Conference of Bar Foundations, and Volunteer Lawyers Network. He is a moot court competition judge, a mentor at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, and a frequent workers' compensation lecturer at legal seminars. Johnson's community activities include having served as a youth hockey, baseball and soccer coach. He is also past president of the Eagan Hockey Association.

Johnson is reappointed Chief Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals for another six-year term that expires on January 7, 2013.

The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals has statewide appellate jurisdiction over all workers' compensation appeals. The court consists of five judges appointed by the Governor who have experience with and knowledge of workers' compensation laws and have been licensed to practice law in Minnesota for at least five years.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO END POVERTY IN MINNESOTA BY 2020

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donna Bauer and Michael Hawton to the Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020.

Bauer, of Minneapolis, works for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis where she spearheads special projects for housing and emergency services. She is a member of a number of community organizations that focus on assisting Minnesotans in need including; Project Homeless Connect, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities, and the Community Emergency Response Team. She is the immediate past president of the Minnesota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster organization. Bauer has a bachelor of arts degree in U.S. studies and political and global studies from George Washington University at Mount Vernon College in Washington, DC.

Hawton, of Minneapolis, has over 12 years of management experience in the retail industry and is a former small business owner. He has worked with the Boy Scouts of America and is an active community and church volunteer. Hawton will graduate from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts degree in political science in December of 2007.

The Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020 combines public and private resources and will work on developing policies and finding ways to end poverty in Minnesota by 2020. The commission will share its recommendations with the state legislature and Governor in December of 2008.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Constance Doepke, Lois West Duffy, Brent Hovdestad, and Christine Smalley to the Minnesota Humanities Center Board of Directors. All are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 3, 2011.

Doepke, of Wayzata, is an experienced marketing and merchandising manager. She is a former member of the Wayzata Board of Education where she contributed to the finance and business, and legislative action committees. Doepke is a member of the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce and the Minneapolis Chapter of Fashion Group International, Inc. Doepke holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications arts from Michigan State University.

Duffy, of Rochester, is a communication consultant and former vice president of Ecolab Foundation. She has extensive experience with administering grants to non-profit organizations, public relations, and working with the arts. Duffy is a member of both the Rochester Art Center and Loft for Writers boards of directors. Duffy has a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University.

Hovdestad, of Minneapolis, is a financial consultant currently working as an independent contractor for RBC Dain Rauscher. He is an experienced full service investment broker and certified public accountant. Hovdestad is a former president of Kiwanis International and an alumni member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Hovdestad received his bachelor of arts in accounting, magna cum laude, from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Smalley, of Edina, is an experienced retail buyer and community volunteer. She is a member of the Minneapolis Institute of Art and former member of the Minneapolis Children's Theater board of governors. Smalley earned her bachelor of arts degree in journalism and advertising from the University of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Humanities Center is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities Center fulfills its mission through humanities-based programs including professional development opportunities, early literacy workshops, and bilingual and heritage language programming. The Minnesota Humanities Center is governed by a 30-member board of directors, including six appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO NURSING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Michelle "Shelley" Harker and Bradley Haugen and the reappointment of Doris Hill and Gregory Langason to the Minnesota Board of Nursing. All four are appointed to four-year terms that expire on January 3, 2011.

Harker, of Lakeville, is the assistant Dean of Programs with Hamline University School of law in St. Paul. She has over 20 years of experience in college administration. Harker earned her bachelor of science degree in business and communications from the University of Wisconsin – Superior. Harker is appointed to a public member position on the board and replaces Clayton Robinson.

Haugen, of Rochester, is the director of nursing for Stewartville Care Center. A registered nurse (RN) with 25 years of experience in nursing, he is nationally certified as a director of nursing administration in long term care and in gerontological nursing. Haugen earned an associate of science degree in nursing from North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park. Haugen is appointed to a board position for an RN who practices in a nursing home and replaces Debra Hacker.

Hill, of Bloomington, is the dean of health sciences and director of nursing with Normandale Community College in Bloomington. She has over 20 years of nursing experience in acute care settings and education. Hill earned her doctor of philosophy degree with a focus on nursing from the University of Minnesota (U of M), her master of science degree with a focus in nursing education from the U of M, and her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, where she graduated summa cum laude. Hill, who has served on the board since 2003 and is currently its vice president, is reappointed to a position for an RN who is an educator in an associate degree program.

Langason, of Minneapolis, is a health care call center representative with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and a part-time licensed practical nurse (LPN) with Bethany Covenant Village in Minneapolis. He has over 17 years of nursing experience in Minnesota. Langason has a master of arts degree in non-profit management from Hamline University in St. Paul, a bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Minnesota, and his LPN degree from Minneapolis Community and Technical College in Minneapolis. Langason, who has been a member of the board since 2003, is reappointed to an LPN position.

The Minnesota Board of Nursing is responsible for licensing and disciplining nurses and approving nurse education programs. The board is made up of 16 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN MEMBERS TO NEXTGEN ENERGY BOARD

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced his appointments to the NextGen Energy Board. This new board was proposed by Governor Pawlenty as part of his Next Generation Energy Initiative that puts Minnesota squarely at the front of states leading the way toward our nation's energy future. The NextGen Energy Board will provide recommendations to the legislature and the Governor about how the state can most efficiently achieve energy independence through agriculture and natural resource sustainability.

In order to achieve this goal, one of the board's primary duties is to examine the future of biofuels, such as synthetic gases, biobutanol, hydrogen, methanol, biodiesel, and ethanol within Minnesota and to develop grant programs to assist renewable energy facilities throughout the state.

The first meeting of the NextGen Energy Board will be held Thursday, June 28, 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in St. Paul.

The NextGen Energy Board consists of 19 members, including seven appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointees are Robert Elde, John Frey, Tim Gerlach, Shalini Gupta, Rob King, Thom Petersen and Paul Stark.

Elde, of Edina, is the dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Biological Sciences and the U of M's J. B. Johnston Land Grant Professor of Neuroscience in the Department of Neuroscience. He also chairs the executive committee of the Institute for Renewable Energy and the Environment. Elde is appointed as a representative of the University of Minnesota.

Frey, of Mankato, is the dean of Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Science, Engineering and Technology. He has over 36 years of teaching experience at Mankato State University, including having served as chair of the biology department for five years. Frey is appointed as a representative of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Gerlach, of Eagan, is the regional vice president for clean fuel and vehicle technologies with the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest where he oversees its biodiesel-related

market development activities, the coordination of the U.S. Department of Energy-designated Twin Cities Clean Cities Coalition, and has led the public-private development of Minnesota's E85 market. Gerlach is appointed as a representative of statewide environment and natural resource conservation organizations.

Gupta, of Minneapolis, is a senior energy associate with the Izaak Walton League of America's Upper Midwest Office in St. Paul, where her work focuses on research, policy development, and advocacy for renewable energy and fuels, distributed generation, and energy-efficiency measures. Gupta is appointed as a representative of statewide environment and natural resource conservation organizations.

King, of Shoreview, is a professor and department head with the University of Minnesota's Department of Applied Economics. He has conducted research on a range of issues related to farmer cooperative formation and management over the past 20 years. King is appointed as a representative of the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture.

Petersen, of Pine City, is a staff lobbyist with the Minnesota Farmers Union. He has been a member of the Farmers Union for many years, and prior to becoming a lobbyist with the organization, he was an active farmer. Petersen is appointed as a representative of a statewide agriculture organization.

Stark, of Kensington, is a corn, soybean, and beef cattle farmer in Stevens County and has been a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau for 33 years. He is a past president of the Farm Bureau, and was first elected to its Board of Directors in 1993, serving District IV. Stark is appointed as a representative of a statewide agriculture organization.

"Renewable fuels and the next generation of energy are a big part of Minnesota's present and future, and these people will help us set a course that maximizes the benefits for our state's economy and environment," Governor Pawlenty said.

The NextGen Energy Board will examine the future of fuels, such as synthetic gases, biobutanol, hydrogen, methanol, biodiesel, and ethanol within Minnesota; develop equity grant programs to assist locally owned facilities; study the proper role of the state in creating financing and investing and providing incentives; evaluate how state and federal programs, including the Farm Bill, can best work together and leverage resources; work with other entities and committee to develop a clean energy program; and report to the legislature with recommendations as to appropriations and results of past actions and projects.

The NextGen Energy Board also includes Teresa Spaeth in her capacity as executive director of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute; the following agency heads: Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson, Commerce Commissioner Glenn Wilson, Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Dan McElroy, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Mark Holsten, and Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Brad Moore; and the following legislative members: Senators Ellen Anderson, Julie Rosen and Jim Vickerman; and Representatives Bill Hilty, Al Juhnke, and Doug Magnus. The board expires on June 30, 2009.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GUNNERSON TO AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Charles Gunnerson to the Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council.

Gunnerson, of Ada, owns and operates the Ada Produce Company, a family-owned potato washing and packaging facility in Norman County. He has been active in the potato industry for over 30 years, and has served as Chairman of the Area One Potato Council for 14 years. Gunnerson serves on the Executive Committee of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association. He was chairman of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association from 1993 to 1994.

Gunnerson previously served on the National Potato Promotion Board as an appointee of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He also served as president of the National Potato Council from 1999 to 2000 and the vice president for five years. Gunnerson is reappointed to the Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council for a potato wash plant representative and will serve another four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

The Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council supports the Minnesota potato industry by providing grants for research and advertising. Area One consists of fourteen counties in Northwest Minnesota, including the counties of: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, and Wilkin. The Council consists of seven members, including two appointed by the Governor.

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**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dan J. Williams, Sr. to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors.

Williams, of Vadnais Heights, has been president and CEO of Masters, Williams and Associates, an information technology consulting firm, since 2002. From 2001-02, he was North American vice president at ASP Consulting, an international consulting firm headquartered in Vienna, Austria. He is also an ordained minister and the founder of Grace Resurrection Ministries. In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Williams to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, a \$56 billion government-sponsored enterprise. In 2006, he moved from being vice chair of the board into a transition team position to help run the bank while they went through a hiring process for a new president and CEO. He also serves on the Minnesota Institute of Public Health Board of Directors.

Williams served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 1971-74. Williams attended Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Mankato State University, and Augsburg College with a major in management information systems. Williams, who has been a member of the Veterans Homes Board of Directors since 2003, is reappointed as a public member to another four-year terms that expires January 3, 2011.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor.

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July 11, 2007

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John E. Pearson on September 7, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Alexandria in Douglas County. The second judgeship is a new position created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of this position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application for the Douglas County position and/or the Morrison County position by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation for both positions must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday**, **August 7**, **2007**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 25, 2007

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES COURT OF APPEALS APPLICATION PROCESS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the process he will use to fill three new judgeships on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. These positions were created by the 2007 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 4). The Minnesota Supreme Court has indicated that all three of these new judgeships are at-large positions and will become effective on January 1, 2008.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who wish to apply for appointment should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and six to 10 references via U.S. Mail to:

John Hultquist, Director of Judicial Appointments Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155

Materials may also be sent via e-mail to john.hultquist@state.mn.us or fax to 651-296-0056.

All candidates who wish to be considered must submit their materials so they are received by the Governor's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007.

Governor Pawlenty has designated a seven-member ad hoc screening committee to review résumés and make recommendations to him. The committee members are:

Eric Magnuson, chair, attorney with Briggs and Morgan in Minneapolis Rene Diebold, attorney in private practice in Marshall Karen Himle, University of Minnesota vice president for university relations John Hultquist, Governor's director of judicial appointments Karen Janisch, general counsel to the Governor Bob Schroeder, Governor's deputy chief of staff Ronald Schutz, attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi in Minneapolis

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The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals currently consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts. After these appointments, the Court of Appeals will consist of 19 judges.

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July 25, 2007

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SHERIDAN TO VETERANS HOMES BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gail I. Sheridan to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors.

Sheridan, of Faribault, is vice president of health services with Tealwood Care Centers, Inc. in Bloomington, where she is responsible for the overall quality of the environment and resident care services of 20 nursing facilities. She assists the regulatory compliance; oversees the quality improvement program, safety programs, and human resources within the facilities. Prior to her employment with Tealwood in 1989, Sheridan was the director of health services with HMU, Inc., director of nursing services with Beverly Enterprises, Inc., and a nursing assistant, registered staff nurse, and part-time supervisor with St. John's Lutheran Home.

Sheridan was a hospital corpsman in the United States Navy from 1975 to 1979, and earned an associate's degree in nursing from Austin Community College in 1983. Sheridan is active with the Care Providers of Minnesota, currently serving as secretary of its board of directors and its executive committee as well as chairperson of its legislative forum. She is also a member of the American Health Care Association, where she chaired its survey regulatory committee in 2005-06, is a Sunday school teacher and former church council president for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and a volunteer and former board member for Ruth's House, a home for homeless women and children. Sheridan replaces Lawrence Greenberg on the Veterans Homes Board as a public member for a four-year terms that expires January 3, 2011.

The Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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August 21, 2007

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO MINERAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of David Edmunds and Ernest Lehmann and the appointment of Craig Pagel to the Mineral Coordinating Committee. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire on June 30, 2011.

Edmunds, of Burnsville, is the current industrial minerals industry member on the committee. He is the executive vice president of Kraemer Mining and Material, Inc. in Burnsville, Minnesota and is a member of the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce. Edmunds holds a bachelor of arts degree in business and finance from Michigan State University.

Lehmann, of Minneapolis, began his mining career in 1950. He currently serves on the Mineral Coordinating Committee as the representative of the non-ferrous metallic mineral industry. He is a certified geologist with the American Institute of Professional Geologists. Lehmann graduated with a degree in geology from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Pagel, of Duluth, became the president of the Iron Mining Association of Minnesota in April after 30 years of experience with Minnesota Power. He holds a bachelors degree in English from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Pagel is a Minnesota Waters Board member and former president of Rotary Club, International Falls Chapter. Pagel is appointed as the iron ore and taconite representative and replaces Frank Ongaro on the committee.

The Mineral Coordinating Committee is facilitated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and plans for diversified mineral development. The goals of the Mineral Coordinating Committee are to increase the knowledge of the state's mineral potential, stimulate the development of mineral resources in the state, and promote basic mineral research. Minerals currently mined in Minnesota include iron ore, taconite, construction aggregate, limestone, granite, silica sand, kaolin clay, and peat. The committee consists of 10 members including three appointed by the Governor.



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August 7, 2007

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara Frank and Jeff Swanson to the Board of Firefighter Training and Education.

Frank, of Danube, owns The Pullet Connection, a family business that produces over one million replacement laying hens per year. She is secretary of the Renville County Farm Bureau, treasurer of the Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL) Alumni Association, a member of the Renville County Agriculture and Renewable Energy Task Force, a board member of the Broiler and Egg Association of Minnesota, and a founding director and chair of the board for SAVES Resource Center, a sexual assault and violence education and advocacy group in Renville County. Frank replaces Peg Larsen on the Board of Firefighter Training and Education as a public member for a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Swanson, of Detroit Lakes, is the chief of the Detroit Lakes Fire Department, a position he has held since 1986. He was the assistant fire chief from 1982 to 1985, captain of the fire department from 1976 to 1981, and a firefighter from 1974 to 1975. Swanson also co-owns Swanson Repair Inc, and Swanson Repair and Rental. He is a member of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA), serves on its board of directors, and is a past chairman of the board as well as a past president of the MSFCA. He is also an emergency first responder and has worked for Dakota EMS/Detroit Lakes Ambulance Service. Swanson replaces Douglas Holton on the Board of Firefighter Training and Education as a fire chief member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Board of Firefighter Training and Education reviews fire service training needs, establishes standards for educational programs and establishes qualifications for fire service training instructors. The Board consists of 15 members, including 14 appointed by the Governor.



### NEWS RELEASE

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August 9, 2007

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SEVEN TO GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Twyla Flaws, Jeffrey Johnson, and Terrence Leas, Ph.D., and the reappointment of Laura Beeth, Brenda Johnson, and Rhonda Sivarajah to the Governor's Workforce Development Council (GWDC). All six are appointed to three-year terms that expire on June 30, 2010.

Beeth, of Bloomington, is the system director of talent management with Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis. She has over 25 years of experience in program development, workforce planning, and recruiting in the health care arena. Beeth has chaired the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Healthcare Education – Industry Partnership Council since its inception in 1997, is a member of the Minnesota Hospital Association Workforce Development Committee, Minnesota Career Development Association, and an advisory member for numerous college and university committees. She has published healthcare workforce articles in *Minnesota Physician*, and has been a national and state speaker at many conferences on workforce development, recruitment, and retention. She received the first Minnesota Vision Award for Workforce Development in 2004. Beeth, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of business.

Flaws, of Merrifield, is the human resources manager with Clow Stamping in Merrifield. She is president of Lakes Area Human Resources Association, a member of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce where she chaired the Workforce Task Force, is a former member of Central Lakes College Trust Association, and served on the selection committee for the president of Central Lakes College. Flaws replaces Noreen Dunnells on the GWDC as a representative of a community-based organization.

Brenda Johnson, of Chatfield, is a member of the Chatfield City Council, serves as vice mayor, and is a member of the Chatfield Planning and Zoning Commission. She is an adjunct instructor in economics, business, and management with St. Mary's University, and has taught at Rochester Community and Technical College. Johnson is the administrative staff person with the Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities, where she also serves on its Board of Directors, and of which she is a past president.

Brenda Johnson has also been a member of the League of Minnesota Cities Board of Directors and its Insurance Trust Board, a member of the Chatfield Economic Development Authority, Chatfield Heritage Preservation Commission, Chatfield Charter Commission, and chaired the Chatfield Sesquicentennial. She is the 2007 recipient of the Minnesota Women in City Government's Leadership Award. Johnson, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2004, is reappointed as a representative of local-elected officials.

Jeffrey Johnson, of Plymouth, is the president of Midwest Employment Resources, a position he has held since 2001. He was also an attorney of counsel with the law firm Wessels and Pautsch in Minneapolis from 2003 to 2006. Prior to 2001, Johnson was an attorney with Cargill, Inc. in Wayzata from 1998 to 2001, an associate attorney with the Parsinen, Kaplan, Rosberg and Gotlieb law firm in Minneapolis from 1994 to 1998, and an associate attorney with the Lord, Bissell and Brook law firm in Chicago from 1992 to 1994. Johnson also served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2001 through 2006, where he was an assistant majority leader and chaired the House Civil Law Committee. Johnson replaces Jack Wiley on the GWDC as a representative of business.

Leas, of Albert Lea, is president of Riverland Community College, a position he has held since 2003. Riverland Community College has campuses in Austin, Albert Lea, and Owatonna. From 1990 to 2003, Leas held a number of positions with Yakima Valley Community College in Yakima, Washington, including dean for student services, dean for basic skills and institutional effectiveness, and dean for the Grandview campus. He held a number of positions with Thomas College in Thomasville, Georgia from 1981 to 1988, including executive assistant to the president, dean of student services, and director of personnel. Leas was chair of the Douglass Middle School Department of Social Sciences in Thomasville, Georgia from 1978 to 1981, and began his professional career as a social science instructor at Douglass Middle School. Leas is the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) representative to the Southeastern Minnesota Workforce Development Board, a member of the MnSCU Chancellor's Leadership Council, a member of the MnSCU Committee on Finance and Administration, and co-chaired the MnSCU Committee on Human Resources. Leas replaces James Johnson as a representative of education.

Sivarajah, of Lino Lakes, is a member of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners, where she serves as chair of the Human Services Committee. Prior to her election to the Anoka County Board, Sivarajah worked for 12 years in the Anoka County Human Services Division, where she was a supervisor of welfare programs. She is a member of the Anoka County WorkForce Council, Minnesota Workforce Council Association, Free2Be Board, and is president of the Northern Voices Board of Trustees. Northern Voices is an oral school for the deaf. Sivarajah, who has been a member of the GWDC since 2004 and chairs its Public Relations Committee, is reappointed as a representative of local-elected officials.

The Governor's Workforce Development Council coordinates the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system and Minnesota youth services programs. The council consists of 32 members, including 28 appointed by the Governor.

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August 9, 2007

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two new Tenth Judicial District trial court bench judgeships. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which take effect on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both Tenth Judicial District positions for the city of Anoka in Anoka County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Tenth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 5, 2007.** One set of application materials will be considered for both positions.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 15, 2007

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for two Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The first opening is as a result of a new judgeship created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Frederick J. Casey on March 12, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Brainerd in Crow Wing County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Ninth Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. One set of application materials will be considered for both positions. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 12, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 20, 2007

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS YOUNG TO HEALTH PLAN PURCHASING POOL STUDY GROUP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. James Young, M.D. to the Health Plan Purchasing Pool Study Group.

Young, of Rosemount, is an attending physician for the Ridgeview Chanhassen Clinic. He received his medical doctorate degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and completed training in family medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester. He holds a holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois where he received the Daphne M. Schwartz Award for excellence in biology.

Young is a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians. He is a member of the Midwest Division Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society and a member of the Dakota County Human Services Advisory Committee.

Created by the 2007 Legislature, the Health Plan Purchasing Pool Study Group will examine and make recommendations regarding the creation of a voluntary, statewide health plan purchasing pool that would contract directly with the providers to provide affordable health coverage to eligible Minnesota residents. The group consists of 15 members, including one appointed by the Governor. The group is to be convened by the Minnesota Attorney General and will report the Minnesota Legislature by February 1, 2008.

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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 22, 2007

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**St. Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy that will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas P. Schroeder on October 26, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Detroit Lakes in Becker County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Seventh Judicial District may request an application for this position by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via email at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 13, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 23, 2007

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GRAMS AS HONORARY UNITED NATIONS DAY CHAIR

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of former United States Senator Rod Grams as the honorary Minnesota chair of United Nations (U.N.) Day.

Grams is currently the owner and president of Little Falls Radio Corporation and was recently a senior advisor with the Hecht, Spencer and Associates government relations firm. He served as a U.S. Senator from Minnesota from 1995 to 2001, and prior to his election to the U.S. Senate in 1994, he served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 1995. During his time in the Senate, Grams was twice appointed by then President Bill Clinton as the Congressional Representative to the U.N.

Prior to his election to the House in 1992, Grams was president and CEO of Sun Ridge Builders, Inc., and a television news anchor in Helena, Montana, Wausau, Wisconsin, Rockford, Illinois, and at KMSP-TV in the Twin Cities. He is a member of the Center for Victims of Torture Board of Directors and the Anoka County Sesquicentennial Board.

United Nations Day marks the anniversary of the date in 1945 when the United Nations Charter went into effect. U. N. Day is celebrated annually on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Each year, the nation's Governors are invited to appoint a prominent citizen as honorary chair from their state.

United Nations Day is used by public officials, educators, students and civic groups across the country to hold activities to build public awareness and support for international cooperation through an even more effective United Nations. This year's United Nations Day topic is "Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases". United Nations Day celebrations are sponsored throughout the country by the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA).



## NEWS RELEASE

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August 27, 2007

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two trial court bench vacancies in the Seventh Judicial District.

The first vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable John E. Pearson on September 7, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Alexandria in Douglas County.

The second judgeship is a new position created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of this position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County.

The finalists are Douglas P. Anderson, Kevin S. Carpenter, Ann L. Carrott, Mark Hansen, and Leonard A. Weiler.

Anderson, of Little Falls, is an attorney and partner with the Little Falls law firm of Rosenmeier, Anderson and Vogel. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors, Rosenmeier and Simonett, and Rosenmeier and Anderson, since 1975. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1972.

Carpenter, of St. Cloud, has been a solo practitioner in St. Cloud since 1999. He was a partner with the St. Cloud law firm of Holmen and Carpenter from 1997 to 1999, and an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Quinlivan, Sherwood, Spellacy and Tarvestad from 1980 to 1997, where he became a shareholder in 1987. He was also a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in St. Cloud from 1979 to 1980, and a law clerk for the Duncan, Jones, Riley and Finley law firm in Des Moines, Iowa in 1979. Carpenter earned his juris doctor degree from St. Louis University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1976.

Carrott, of Alexandria, is an attorney with the Alexandria law firm of Swenson, Lervick, Syverson, Trosvig, Jacobson, a position she has held since 1997. She was the Douglas County Attorney in Alexandria from 1984 to 1996, and an assistant Morrison County Attorney in Little Falls from 1981 to 1984. Carrott earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1980, and her bachelor of arts degree from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1973.

Hansen, of St. Cloud, is an assistant St. Cloud city attorney, a position he has held since 2003, as well as a deputy staff judge advocate with the Minnesota Air National Guard, a position he has held since 2005. He was an assistant Seventh Judicial District public defender in St. Cloud from 1999 to 2003, and an assistant Fifth Judicial District public defender in Worthington from 1995 to 1999. Hansen earned his juris doctorate degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso, Indiana, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1990.

Weiler, of Sartell, is the managing attorney of the Seventh Judicial District public defender's office in St. Cloud, a position he has held since 1996. He has been an assistant Seventh Judicial District public defender in St. Cloud since 1991, and was the head law clerk and an investigator with the Ramsey County public defender's office in St. Paul from 1990 to 1991. Weiler earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1991, and his bachelor of arts degree from Moorhead State University in 1985.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 26 applications for these two judicial vacancies.

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### NEWS RELEASE

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August 31, 2007

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for three First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), and take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of these positions as follows: one for the city of Shakopee in Scott County, one for the city of Hastings in Dakota County, and one for the city of Chaska in Carver County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the First Judicial District may request an application for the any or all of these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

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All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, September 24, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



### NEWS RELEASE

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August 31, 2007

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO TRADE POLICY WORKING GROUP

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Beth Kadoun, Kate Rubin, and Mike Zumwinkle to the Working Group on State Role in Trade Policy.

Kadoun is a senior policy advisor in the Governor's Legislative and Cabinet Affairs Department. Among the agencies with which she coordinates policy efforts on behalf of Governor Pawlenty is the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Kadoun is appointed as the Governor's designee to this working group.

Rubin is the president of the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA), the largest technology trade organization in the state. MHTA supports the growth, sustainability, and global competitiveness of Minnesota's technology-based economy through advocacy, collaboration, and education. Rubin is appointed as a representative of a business organization other than the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Zumwinkle is the director of government relations in Cargill, Inc.'s Corporate Affairs Department, where he is responsible for all aspects of state government affairs for Cargill's agricultural and food businesses. He also serves as the team lead for Cargill's international biotechnology coordination and works closely with Cargill associates on international issues. Zumwinkle is appointed as a representative of a business organization other than the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

The Working Group on State Role in Trade Policy was created by the 2007 Legislature (Law of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 135, Article 2, Section 35) to develop recommendations for establishing policies and procedures regarding the role of the state in federal trade policy and trade agreements. The working group consists of 17 members, including three appointed by the Governor.



### NEWS RELEASE

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September 5, 2007

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO RACING COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kernal C. Buhler, Jacqueline Duncanson, and Jesse M. Overton to the Minnesota Racing Commission. All three are appointed to six-year terms that expire on June 30, 2013.

Buhler, of Eden Prairie, serves in a sales and marketing capacity for numerous sports and entrepreneurial projects and is president of his own consulting firm. He was previously vice president of sales and marketing for Morrissey Hospitality from 2001 to 2003, vice president of corporate partnerships with Fanball.com, in 2000, and held a variety of sales, marketing and public relations positions with the Minnesota Vikings National Football League team from 1981 to 1999. He has been active in a number of community service activities, including serving as president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association Greater Twin Cities Executive Board, a United Way Campaign Coordinator, and a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Buhler replaces Scott LeDoux on the Racing Commission.

Duncanson, of Mapleton, farms with her husband, Karl, raises horses, and is the mother of four children. She is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, and Minnesota Western Saddle Club Association, Minnesota Farm Bureau, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota Soybean Growers Associations, and chairs the United Church of Mapleton's Board of Trustees. She previously served on the Minnesota Beef Council for six years and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board for 12 years. Duncanson replaces Robert McNamara on the Racing Commission.

Overton, of Bloomington, is president and chief executive officer of SkyTech, Inc and SkyLearn, LLC, in Bloomington. Previously, he was executive vice president of new business development for Honeywell in Bull Waltham, Massachusetts from 1980 to 1987, and a senior executive accounts manager with Honeywell's Information Systems in Edina. His community activities include serving on the Jean Harris Public Policy Advisory Board, and the Hamline University Center for Urban Training Advisory Board. He has also been a member of the Minnesota International Center Board of Directors, a member and former chair of the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board of Directors, a member of Bridge of Run Away Youth Board of Directors, and a member and past president of the St. Paul NAACP. Overton replaces William Robinson on the Racing Commission.

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The Minnesota Racing Commission licenses persons and organizations to operate racetracks, conduct horse racing, and conduct pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing; enforces and collects all applicable taxes and license fees; establishes a Minnesota Breeders' Fund; and, operates a card club. The commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two trial court bench vacancies in the Tenth Judicial District. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which take effect on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both these judgeships for the city of Anoka in Anoka County.

The finalists are Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Sherri D. Hawley, Kristin C. Larson, Mark W. Malzahn, and Gerald M. Randall.

Fitzpatrick, of Anoka, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Randall, Goodrich and Fitzpatrick in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1986. He was an attorney with the law firm of Burke and Hawkins in Coon Rapids from 1983 to 1985 and an assistant Blue Earth County Attorney in Mankato from 1981 to 1983. Fitzpatrick earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of science degree with honors from St. Cloud State University in 1975.

Hawley, of Hugo, is a self-employed attorney and a case resolution expeditor for Anoka County, positions she has held since 2007. She was an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Walling, Berg and Debele from 2003 to 2007, a solo practitioner and part-time Tenth Judicial District assistant public defender from 1998 to 2003, an associate attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Meshbesher and Associates from 1997 to 1999, acting Kanabec County Attorney in 1997, an assistant Kanabec County Attorney from 1995 to 1997, a solo practitioner in St. Paul in 1994, and a contract attorney with Ken Jacobs in Forest Lake from 1993 to 1994. Hawley earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from North Central University in Minneapolis in 1988.

Larson, of Lino Lakes, is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 1990. Larson was an assistant Wright County attorney from 1988 to 1990, executive director, attorney and, volunteer attorney coordinator of Legal Assistance of Dakota County from 1986 to 1988, a staff attorney with Hyatt Legal Services in Bloomington from 1985 to 1986, and a volunteer attorney with Mid-Minnesota Legal Services in Minneapolis from 1984 to 1985. Larson earned her juris doctorate degree from George Washington University Law School in 1984 and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1981.

Malzahn, of Elk River, is an attorney with Malzahn and Associates in Anoka, a position he has held since 1983. Malzahn earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1983, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1979.

Randall, of Blaine, is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Randall, Goodrich and Fitzpatrick in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors since 1980. He was an attorney in private practice in Anoka from 1976 to 1979, and an associate attorney with the Edward E. Coleman Law Offices in Anoka from 1970 to 1976. Randall earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1970, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1966.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 28 applications for these judicial vacancies.



## NEWS RELEASE

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc screening committee that reviewed résumés and conducted interviews for the three new judgeships on the Minnesota Court of Appeals. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 4). They are all at-large positions and become effective on January 1, 2008.

The finalists are Leonardo Castro, Francis J. Connolly, John H. Guthmann, Matthew E. Johnson, Raymond R. Krause, Laurie J. Miller, John R. Rodenberg, and Heidi S. Schellhas.

Castro, of White Bear Township, is the Fourth Judicial District Chief Public Defender in Hennepin County, a position he has held since 2001. He has also been an adjunct professor at St. Thomas School of Law in St. Paul since 2004, and was an adjunct faculty at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul from 2002 to 2003. Castro was the Fifth Judicial District Chief Public Defender from 1994 to 2001, an attorney with the Riha Law Office in Owatonna from 1992 to 1993, and served in the United States Air Force from 1981 to 1989. Castro earned his juris doctorate degree from Northern Illinois University College of Law in DeKalb in 1992, and his bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland in 1988.

Connolly, of Minneapolis, is a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Hennepin County, a position he has held since 1998, and is currently presiding judge of the civil division. Connolly was associate general counsel with Kraus-Anderson Realty Company from 1994 to 1998, an attorney with Rossini, Nelson and Rossini from 1992 to 1994, an attorney with Dorsey and Whitney from 1987 to 1992, an attorney with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman from 1986 to 1987, and was in the honors program of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C. from 1984 to 1986. Connolly earned his juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1984, and his bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University in New York in 1980.

Guthmann, of St. Paul, is general partner of the Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug and Bradt law firm in Arden Hills. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1981, and his practice is in civil litigation concentrating on natural gas explosions, automobile negligence, product liability, workers' compensation, insurance and employment law. He was a law clerk to Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran from 1980 to 1981, and a law clerk to Hennepin County District Court Judge Harold Kalina in 1979. Guthmann earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, and his bachelor of arts degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa in 1976.

Johnson, of St. Paul, is an attorney and shareholder with the Halleland, Lewis, Nilan and Johnson law firm in Minneapolis. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2001, and his practice is in commercial and employment litigation, including contractual disputes, business torts, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, and employment discrimination. Johnson was an associate attorney with the Smith Parker law firm in Minneapolis from 1995 to 2001, an associate attorney with the Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman law firm in Minneapolis from 1994 to 1995, a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Judge David R. Hansen from 1993 to 1994, and a law clerk for U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa Chief Judge Charles R. Wolle from 1992 to 1993. Johnson earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1992, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

Krause, of Arden Hills, is the Chief Administrative Law Judge with the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings, a position he has held since 2004. He was assistant commissioner for tax policy with the Minnesota Department of Revenue from 2003 to 2004, a Minnesota Tax Court Judge from 1998 through 2003, Dean and a professor of law at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul from 1994 to 1998, senior vice president of government and community affairs (1989 to 1994), and director of government relations (1984 to 1989) with the Pillsbury Company and Grand Metropolitan Inc. in Minneapolis, manager of federal relations for TRW, Inc. from 1981 to 1984, assistant director of government relations with Pfizer Corporation from 1979 to 1981, and a Congressional legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. from 1973 to 1978. Krause earned his juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1978, and his bachelor of science degree from Georgetown University in 1973.

Miller, of Edina, is an attorney and shareholder with the Fredrikson and Byron law firm in Minneapolis. She has been an attorney with the firm since 1989, practicing in the litigation department, with a special interest in appellate practice, in both state and federal courts. She was an attorney with the Dunlap and Seeger (then known as Dunlap, Keith, Finseth, Berndt and Sandberg) law firm in Rochester from 1986 to 1989, an attorney with the Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe law firm in San Francisco, California from 1983 to 1986, and a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Judges Myron H. Bright and Richard S. Arnold in St. Louis, Missouri from 1981 to 1983. Miller earned her juris doctorate degree from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1981, and her bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 1978.

Rodenberg, of New Ulm, is a Fifth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Brown County, a position he has held since 2000. He was an attorney and partner in the New Ulm law firm of Berens, Rodenberg, and O'Connor from 1982 to 2000, and a staff attorney with the U.S. Social Security Administration in Minneapolis from 1981 to 1982. Rodenberg earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1978.

Schellhas, of Edina, is a Fourth Judicial District trial court bench judge in Hennepin County, a position she has held since 1996. She was an attorney and partner with the Rode, Lucas and Schellhas law firm in Edina from 1989 to 1996, sole proprietor of the Heidi S. Schellhas Law Offices in Edina from 1988 to 1989, and a clerk, associate attorney and partner with the law firm of Carlsen, Greiner and Law in Minneapolis from 1979 to 1988. Schellhas earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts. Seventy-seven people submitted their résumés for consideration for these judgeships.

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### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**St. Paul** – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Gerald J. Wolf on September 14, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Faribault in Rice County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Third Judicial District may request an application for this position by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at <u>john.hultquist@state.mn.us</u> or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy. This opening will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas P. Schroeder on October 26, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this judgeship for the city of Detroit Lakes in Becker County. The finalists are Kevin S. Carpenter, David W. DeGroat, and Joseph A. Evans.

Carpenter, of St. Cloud, has been a solo practitioner in St. Cloud since 1999. He was a partner with the St. Cloud law firm of Holmen and Carpenter from 1997 to 1999, and an attorney with the St. Cloud law firm of Quinlivan, Sherwood, Spellacy and Tarvestad from 1980 to 1997, where he became a shareholder in 1987. He was also a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in St. Cloud from 1979 to 1980, and a law clerk for the Duncan, Jones, Riley and Finley law firm in Des Moines, Iowa in 1979. Carpenter earned his juris doctor degree from St. Louis University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from St. John's University in Collegeville in 1976.

DeGroat, of Ogema, is a solo law practitioner and a professor with the White Earth Tribal and Community College in Mahnomen. He has been a self-employed attorney in Ogema since 1999, and was an assistant Mahnomen County Attorney from 1999 to September 2007. DeGroat earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1994 and his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude from Moorhead State University in 1991.

Evans, of Detroit Lakes, is the Becker County Attorney, a position he has held since 1994. He was an assistant Becker County Attorney from 1976 through 1993 as well as an associate attorney (1976 through 1977) and shareholder (1978 through 2001) with the Detroit Lakes law firm of Benshoof, Hummel and Sinclair. Evans earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Washington Law School in Seattle in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1973.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 14 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for two Ninth Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. The first opening is as a result of a new judgeship created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Frederick J. Casey on March 12, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Brainerd in Crow Wing County.

The finalists are Erik J. Askegaard, Kristine R. DeMay, Earl E. Maus, and Jay E. Sommer.

Askegaard, of Brainerd, is an attorney and partner with the Brainerd law firm of Askegaard and Robinson, a position he has held since 1991. He was an associate attorney with the Jeffries, Olson and Flom law firm in Moorhead from 1987 to 1991, and a law clerk to North Dakota Supreme Court Justice Herbert L. Meschke in Bismarck from 1986 to 1987. Askegaard earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in 1986, and his bachelor of science business administration degree cum laude from the University of North Dakota in 1982.

DeMay, of Merrifield, is an assistant Crow Wing County Attorney in Brainerd, a position she has held since 1997. She was an attorney with the Fitzpatrick, Nelson and Ten Eyck law firm and an assistant city attorney in Brainerd from 1996 to 1997, a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in Detroit Lakes from 1995 to 1996, and worked in the Washington County Public Defender's office in Stillwater in 1995. DeMay earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in 1995, and her bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University in Normal in 1990.

Maus, of Walker, is the Cass County Attorney, a position he has held since 1986. He was an assistant Cass County Attorney from 1984 to 1986, an assistant Beltrami County Attorney in 1983, and a law clerk in Ramsey County in 1982. Maus earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1977.

Sommer, of Walker, is the managing attorney in the Ninth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Walker, a position he has held since 1996. He was a full-time assistant public defender in Walker in 1995, an attorney in private practice in Pine River as well as a part-time Ninth Judicial District Public Defender in Walker from 1988 to 1995, and a self-employed attorney in Elk River from 1986 to 1987. Sommer earned his juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1986, and his bachelor of science degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1982.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 17 applications for these judicial vacancies.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that applications are being accepted for the District 4 seat on the Metropolitan Council. The vacancy occurred as a result of the resignation of Brian Lundquist on July 31, 2007.

District 4 includes all of Carver and Scott Counties, and the Hennepin County cities of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius.

The Secretary of State's office published this vacancy today, October 1, 2007. Anyone interested in applying for this position must complete an Open Appointments Application Form. Application forms may be downloaded from the Secretary of State's office from their website, <a href="https://www.sos.state.mn.us">www.sos.state.mn.us</a>, or by calling 651-297-5845. Applicants are asked to attach a current résumé to their application. The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including any letters of recommendation submitted on behalf of applicants, is Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

A seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommends candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor, will host a public hearing to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for this position.

Governor Pawlenty has designated the following citizens to serve on the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee:

Mike Burton, Minnetonka
Dave Clark, Blaine, Blaine City Council
Song Lo Fawcett, St. Paul
Cyndee Fields, Eagan, Eagan City Council
Paul Gaston, Vadnais Heights, Vadnais Heights City Council
Mark Schiffman, Waconia, Mayor of Waconia
Maureen Shaver, Deephaven

The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, November 1, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Scott County Commissioners' Board Room, located on the second floor of the Scott County Government Center, 200 Fourth Avenue West in Shakopee. Applicants will receive details on the format of the hearing prior to the hearing.

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Questions concerning the appointments process should be directed to John Hultquist, Open Appointments Coordinator, at 651-296-0019 or <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a>.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FITZPATRICK AND LARSON TO TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Anoka** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas M. Fitzpatrick and Kristin C. Larson to two Tenth Judicial District trial court bench judgeships in Anoka County.

These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5) that take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of both positions for Anoka County.

Fitzpatrick is an attorney and partner with the law firm of Randall, Goodrich and Fitzpatrick in Anoka. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1986. He was an attorney with the law firm of Burke and Hawkins in Coon Rapids from 1983 to 1985 and an assistant Blue Earth County Attorney in Mankato from 1981 to 1983. Fitzpatrick earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of science degree with honors from St. Cloud State University in 1975.

"Tom enjoys a reputation among Anoka County practitioners as a strong advocate for his clients who treats opposing lawyers and their clients with respect and dignity," Governor Pawlenty said. "Tom's respect for people, even-keeled temperament, and sense of humor will serve him well as a judge."

Fitzpatrick is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association; Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association; and the Anoka County Bar Association, where he served as president in 2005-06. He is also an arbitrator for the American Arbitrator Association, and was selected as a "Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law and Politics magazine. He is currently chair of the City of Anoka Planning Commission, and was a panel attorney, member of the board of directors and past president of Judicare of Anoka County, as well as a past coach and judge for the Minnesota State Bar Association's Mock Trial competition.

Fitzpatrick, 55, was born in St. Cloud, and lives in Anoka with his wife, Jennifer Johnson. They have two children, Caitlin, 21, and Megan, 18.

Larson is an assistant Anoka County attorney, a position she has held since 1990. Larson was an assistant Wright County attorney from 1988 to 1990, executive director, attorney and, volunteer attorney coordinator of Legal Assistance of Dakota County from 1986 to 1988, a staff attorney with Hyatt Legal Services in Bloomington from 1985 to 1986, and a volunteer attorney with Mid-Minnesota Legal Services in Minneapolis from 1984 to 1985. Larson earned her juris doctorate degree from George Washington University Law School in 1984 and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1981.

"Kristin brings a wealth of experience in civil as well as criminal law in the Anoka County Attorney's office," Governor Pawlenty said. "She also lends her tremendous knowledge of the law by speaking at continuing legal education and professional seminars."

Larson is a member of Minnesota State Bar Association, where she serves in the public law section; Anoka County Bar Association; and is an investigator for the 21<sup>st</sup> District Bar Ethics Committee. She is also a faculty with the National College of District Attorneys, National Advocacy Center and has been a speaker for the Minnesota County Attorney's Association, the Annual Conference on Crime Victims, Minnesota Rental Property Association, and is a scheduled speaker for an upcoming Tenth Judicial District Law Clerks Seminar.

Larson's community activities include being an assistant soccer coach and team manager with Lino Lakes Parks and Recreation, and a volunteer with the Centennial Youth Hockey Association, as well as having volunteered for the Hopkins Hockey Association, Golden Valley Phoenix Soccer Club, and numerous school and church activities.

Larson, 48, was born in Duluth, and lives in Lino Lakes with her husband, Jonathan Audette, and their two children, Peter, 18, and Allison, 4.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NINE TO STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of T. Jeff Bangsberg, Stephanie Morris, Christina Persons, Rebecca Sunder, Ann Zick and the reappointment of Steven Ditschler, Michelle Kyler, Gloria LaFriniere, and William Negaard to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Bangsberg, of New Hope, recently retired from the Minnesota HomeCare Association (MHCA) where he served as the government relations director. During his tenure with MHCA, Bangsberg worked to support home care services for seniors and persons with disabilities at the state, local and federal level. Bangsberg currently serves as a board member for Living Works Ventures and is the immediate past chair of the Courage Center board of directors. He is a former member of a number of human services councils including the State Council on Disability. Bangsberg is appointed as a consumer member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010. He replaces Anne Geohegan on the council.

Morris, of St. Paul, is the community and organization development director at Merrick, Inc. a private, non-profit organization that provides training and habilitation services for clients with disabilities. Morris received her masters of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix and her bachelor of science degree in applied psychology from St. Cloud State University. Morris is appointed as a business member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010. She replaces Peter Hoialmen on the council.

Persons, of Britt, coordinates the northern office for the Disability Linkage Line in Bemidji. As a coordinator for Linkage Line, Persons works to provide information to consumers, families, caregivers, and service providers regarding disability services though out Minnesota. Persons is an active volunteer in her community, working with the Northwoods Coalition for Battered Women and serving on the board of directors for the Paul Bunyan Transit Inc. and the Community Resource Connection. Persons earned her bachelor or arts degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She is appointed as a rehabilitation services provider to fulfill a three year term that expires January 5, 2009 and replaces Kris Flaten on the council.

Sunder, of Bloomington, is a senior rehabilitation counselor with the Minnesota WorkForce Center in Monticello and has over 15 years of experience with rehabilitator services. She is a member of the Monticello, Elk Rive and I-94 Chambers of Commerce and is a member of the Wright County Economic Development Partnership. Sunder earned her master of science degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Minnesota State University, Mankato and her bachelor of science degree in social work from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She completed her American Sign Language training at the College of St. Catherine. Sunder is appointed as a vocational rehabilitation councilor member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces Thant Pearson on the council.

Zick, of Osage, has served on the Statewide Independent Living Council for since 2004. She has worked with many community groups including the Becker, Clay, Ottertail, and Wilkin County Mental Health Initiative and the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. She is a strong advocate for people with disabilities and independent living. Zick is a life time member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a 4-H volunteer. She is appointed as the Statewide Independent Living Council representative to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces Lois Johnson on the council.

Ditschler, of Eagan, is the president and CEO of ProAct. Inc., a private non-profit organization serving persons with disabilities. He currently serves as the chair of the State Rehabilitation Council and is a member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council. Ditschler is an active member of the Eagan Rotary Club and a member of the Dakota-Scott Counties Workforce Investment Board. His company is a member of several Chambers of Commerce. Ditschler earned his bachelor of science and masters degrees in speech pathology and audiology from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Ditschler is reappointed as a rehabilitation program provider member of the council to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Kyler, of Crookston, is an advocate for persons with disabilities and former member of the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. She works as an administrative assistant for Independence Plus Inc., in Crookston. Kyler earned her degree in real estate and banking finance from the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Kyler is reappointed as a former consumer member of the council to the three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

LaFriniere, of Bagley is the director if the White Earth Reservation Vocational Rehabilitation Services, which is a section of the Section121 program. LaFriniere graduated from Bemidji State University with a bachelor of science degree in social work and is currently working on masters degree in social work with the Distance Education Program at the University of Duluth. LaFriniere is reappointed as the representative for American Indian vocational rehabilitation projects to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Negaard, of Vernon Center, is the owner of his own catering business, Michelle's Catering in Vernorn Center. He has developed two successful small businesses and is presently involved in the startup of a nonprofit community service agency. Negaard has a long history of commitment to workforce development issues as demonstrated by service on the Governor's Workforce Development Council, the South Central Workforce Council, and the Minnesota Valley Action Council. Throughout his life he has been an active community volunteer. Neegard is reappointed as a business member of the council to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

The State Rehabilitation Council advises state government on the performance of Minnesota's vocational rehabilitation programs. The council consists of nineteen members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS SCHELLHAS, CONNOLLY, AND JOHNSON TO COURT OF APPEALS

~ Judge Edward Toussaint reappointed Chief Judge ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Judge Heidi S. Schellhas, Judge Francis J. Connolly, and Matthew E. Johnson to three new Minnesota Court of Appeals judgeships. These are new positions created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 4) that take effect on January 1, 2008.

In addition, the Governor announced the reappointment of Court of Appeals Chief Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr. to another three-year term as chief judge of the court. Toussaint has been a Court of Appeals Judge since March 1995 and Chief Judge since April 1995.

Schellhas is a District Court Judge in Hennepin County, a position she has held since 1996. She was an attorney and partner with the Rode, Lucas and Schellhas law firm in Edina from 1989 to 1996, sole proprietor of the Heidi S. Schellhas Law Offices in Edina from 1988 to 1989, and a clerk, associate attorney and partner with Carlsen, Greiner and Law in Minneapolis from 1979 to 1988. Schellhas earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, and was a staff member for the Law Review. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

"Judge Schellhas brings a great background of both criminal and civil experience from the district court bench to the Court of Appeals," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, she has demonstrated her ability to work well in a collegial environment as a member of the state redistricting panel."

Schellhas is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota District Judges Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers, and Hennepin County Bar Association, where she serves on its Nominating Committee. She is chair of the Fourth Judicial District Budget Committee, lead judge of the Fourth Judicial District Domestic Violence Court, chair of its steering committee, and co-chair of its Family Violence Coordinating Council. She previously served as a member of the State of Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel, chair of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Open Child Protection Hearings, chair of the Fourth Judicial District Gender Fairness Implementation Committee, and a member of the Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care and Adoption. Schellhas is also an after school tutor with the JABBOK Foundation COOL Youth Center at Calvary Church in Minneapolis.

Schellhas, 53, was born in Milwaukee, and lives in Edina with her husband, Robert Lucas, Jr. They have an adult daughter, Betsy Reinke.

Connolly is a District Court Judge in Hennepin County, a position he has held since 1998, and is currently presiding judge of the civil division. Connolly was associate general counsel with Kraus-Anderson Realty Company from 1994 to 1998, an attorney with Rossini, Nelson and Rossini from 1992 to 1994, an attorney with Dorsey and Whitney from 1987 to 1992, an attorney with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman from 1986 to 1987, and was in the honors program of the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C. from 1984 to 1986. Connolly earned a joint degree in law and international studies from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1984, was on the Dean's List, and was editor of the International Law Review. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University in New York in 1980, was awarded a New York State Regents Scholarship, and was on the Dean's List.

"Judge Connolly brings a strong academic background, and significant civil law experience, both as a lawyer and as a trial court judge," Governor Pawlenty said. "His background and professional experience will serve him well as an appellate judge."

Connolly has been an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law, a Supreme Courtappointed chair of the Judicial Education Subcommittee of the Minnesota State Bar Association Committee on Professionalism, a member of the Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations, the Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court, and the Minnesota District Judges Association. He has given presentations at numerous professional association conferences and continuing legal education seminars. He is also a volunteer coach at Convent of the Visitation High School Mock Trial Team in Mendota Heights, and is a mentor with the University of St. Thomas Law School.

Connolly, 49, was born in Yonkers, New York, and lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Meg. They have three children, Thomas, 21, Robert, 17, and Marguerite, 15.

Johnson is an attorney and shareholder with Halleland, Lewis, Nilan and Johnson in Minneapolis. He has been an attorney with the firm since 2001, and his practice is in commercial and employment litigation, including contractual disputes, business torts, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, and employment discrimination. Johnson was an associate attorney with Smith Parker in Minneapolis from 1995 to 2001, an associate attorney with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich and Kaufman in Minneapolis from 1994 to 1995, a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Judge David R. Hansen from 1993 to 1994, and a law clerk for U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa Chief Judge Charles R. Wolle from 1992 to 1993. Johnson earned his juris doctorate degree with honors from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1992, where he was editor-in-chief of the Law Review, and received the "Student Award of Merit" in 1992. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

"Matt is a person of great intellect and legal abilities who has a passion for the law and justice," Governor Pawlenty said. "This knowledge and passion, combined with his excellent writing skills, will make him an asset to the Court of Appeals."

Johnson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he served on its Judicial Elections Task Force; Federal Bar Association; Hennepin and Ramsey County Bar Associations; Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies; and the Warren E. Burger Inn of Court. He is also a member of the Second District Bar Ethics Committee, St. Paul Civil Service Commission, Legal Access Point Project, and is a past chair of the board of directors of Lighthouse Academy of Nations, Inc., a charter school in Minneapolis focused on children of immigrant and refugee families in grades nine to 12.

Johnson, 44, was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and lives in St. Paul with his wife, Elizabeth Thimmesh and their three children, Noah, 7, Isaac, 5, and Theodore, 1.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from all final decisions of trial courts other than conciliation courts except for appeals in election contests, convictions of murder in the first degree and appeals from the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and the Tax Court, which are appealed directly to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals currently consists of 16 judges; eight judges who serve at-large, and eight judges who are initially appointed – one each – from the state's eight congressional districts. On January, 1, 2008, the Court of Appeals will consist of a total of 19 judges, 11 of whom are at-large. Seventy-seven people submitted their résumés for consideration for these judgeships.



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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CARROTT TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Alexandria** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Ann L. Carrott to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Alexandria in Douglas County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable John E. Pearson on September 7, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of this position for the city of Alexandria in Douglas County.

Carrott is an attorney with the Alexandria law firm of Swenson, Lervick, Syverson, Trosvig, Jacobson, a position she has held since 1997. She was the Douglas County Attorney in Alexandria from 1984 to 1996, and an assistant Morrison County Attorney in Little Falls from 1981 to 1984. Carrott earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1980, and her bachelor of arts degree from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1973.

"Ann brings a tremendous background in both civil and criminal experience to the position as well as a wealth of trial experience," Governor Pawlenty said. "She is also an active and respected member of the Douglas County community. She will be a great judge."

Carrott is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association; Minnesota Board of Law Examiners; Minnesota Women Lawyers, currently serving as the Seventh District liaison; Minnesota City Attorneys Association; and Douglas County Bar Association, serving as president in 1995. She has also taught a number of courses and seminars at Alexandria Technical College, is past president of the Bethany Community Advisory Board, is a board member and past president of the Douglas County Library Board of Trustees, a volunteer teacher for the Independent School District #206 First Grade Junior Achievement Program, and numerous other community organizations.

Carrott, 55, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and lives in Alexandria with her husband, James Odden. They have one son, Mark Odden, 18.



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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EVANS TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Detroit Lakes** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Joseph A. Evans to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Becker County. The vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Thomas P. Schroeder on October 26, 2007. The Minnesota Supreme Court continued the chambers of this position for the city of Detroit Lakes in Becker County.

Evans is the Becker County Attorney, a position he has held since 1994. He was an assistant Becker County Attorney from 1976 through 1993 as well as an associate attorney (1976 through 1977) and shareholder (1978 through 2001) with the Detroit Lakes law firm of Benshoof, Hummel and Sinclair. Evans earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Washington Law School in Seattle in 1976, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1973.

"Joe has a depth and breadth of experience to handle the cases that will come before him as a judge in a thorough yet expeditious manner," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, he is a person of tremendous fairness and respect for all people appearing before him."

Evans is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), National District Attorneys' Association, Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA), and Becker County Bar Association. He has served as a mock trial judge and a member of the MSBA ethics committee, president of the Becker County Bar Association, and a member of the MCAA ethics and Indian law committees. He is also a member and past president of the Detroit Lakes Rotary, a member of the Detroit Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Becker County Historical Society, Holy Rosary Church, Detroit Lakes Sports Boosters, and has been a member of the Detroit Lakes Jaycees, Elks, and Youth Hockey Association, where he served as president.

Evans, 56, was born and raised in Detroit Lakes where he currently lives with his wife, Jean. They have two sons, John, 23, and Mark, 21.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DE MAY AND MAUS TO NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS

**Brainerd** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kristine R. DeMay and Earl E. Maus to two Ninth Judicial District trial court bench judgeships in Crow Wing County. The first opening is a new judgeship created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The second vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Frederick J. Casey on March 12, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of both of these positions for the city of Brainerd in Crow Wing County.

DeMay is an assistant Crow Wing County Attorney in Brainerd, a position she has held since 1997. She was an attorney with the Fitzpatrick, Nelson and Ten Eyck law firm and an assistant city attorney in Brainerd from 1996 to 1997, a Seventh Judicial District law clerk in Detroit Lakes from 1995 to 1996, and worked in the Washington County Public Defender's office in Stillwater in 1995. DeMay earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in 1995, and her bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University in Normal in 1990.

"Kristine has a wealth of trial experience trying cases that a trial court judges handles," Governor Pawlenty said. "In addition, she has shown her willingness to be a problem-solver with her work in helping Crow Wing County start a drug court."

DeMay is a member of the Minnesota County Attorneys' Association where she serves on the criminal law committee, Crow Wing County Bar Association, Crow Wing County Drug Court, and Crow Wing County Methamphetamine Coalition.

DeMay, 39, was born in Moline, Illinois, and lives in Merrifield with her family.

Maus is the Cass County Attorney, a position he has held since 1986. He was an assistant Cass County Attorney from 1984 to 1986, an assistant Beltrami County Attorney in 1983, and a law clerk in Ramsey County in 1982. Maus earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in 1977.

"Earl's experience trying cases has taken him all the way to the United States Supreme Court, and in each of the cases he has tried, he has done so in a professional and respectful manner," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be a fair and impartial judge who will treat everyone that appears before him with respect."

Maus is a member of the board of directors and past president of the Minnesota County Attorneys' Association, where he also chairs the Indian law and peace officer training committees; a member of the National District Attorneys' Association; Cass County Bar Association; the 15<sup>th</sup> District Bar Association; and the Northwest Juvenile Center Board of Directors. He is also a team member for the Cass County District Court/Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Wellness Court; Walker Lions Club, where he was president; Knights of Columbus; St. Agnes Catholic Church; and previously served as a member and past president of the Walker Jaycees, a member of the Walker Rotary Club; and on the Family Advocacy Center Board of Directors in Bemidji.

Maus, 53, was born in St. Cloud, and lives in Walker with his wife, Jean. They have two daughters, Laura, 22, and Julia, 21.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ANDERSON TO SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Little Falls** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Douglas P. Anderson to a Seventh Judicial District trial court bench judgeship in the city of Little Falls in Morrison County. This judgeship is a new position created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), which takes effect on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court has certified the chambers of this position for the city of Little Falls in Morrison County.

Anderson is a partner with the Little Falls law firm of Rosenmeier, Anderson and Vogel. He has been an attorney with the firm and its predecessors, Rosenmeier and Simonett, and Rosenmeier and Anderson, since 1975. Anderson earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975 and his bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, in 1972.

"Doug comes to this position with a wealth of civil trial experience, which will complement the Morrison County bench," Governor Pawlenty said. "He is also a considerate and patient man who will make the parties that appear before him feel more at ease in what is often a tense time in their lives."

Anderson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association; Seventh District Bar Association, of which he is a past president; Seventh District Bar Ethics Committee, where he was chair for six years; and Morrison County Bar Association, currently serving as treasurer. He is also a member of Justice Minnesota, formerly known as the Minnesota Trail Lawyers Association; Central Minnesota Legal Services Advisory Board; John E. Simonett Inn of Court; Council for School Attorneys; is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association as well as a qualified neutral; and was a member of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association. Anderson has been active in the Little Falls community for over 30 years, currently serving on the Boy Scouts of America Central Minnesota Council Advisory Board, Bank of the West Board of Directors, Little Falls Area Foundation Board member, First Lutheran Church chair of facilities and property commission, and team captain of the Community Paint-a-Thon.

Anderson, 57, was born in Hallock, and lives in Little Falls with his wife, Lois. They have two children, Lindsey, 26, and Todd, 21.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIVE TO

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Glenn S. Dorfman, Jennifer Engh, Kevin Goodno, Harold A. "Hal" Lofgreen, Ph.D., and Donald A. Schumacher to the State Budget Trends Study Commission.

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Dorfman, of Edina, is the chief executive officer of the Minnesota Association of REALTORS®. He is also a former seventh and eighth grade teacher and college educator, and holds a masters degree in public administration from the Kennedy School at Harvard.

Engh, of St. Paul, is the government relations director for Cargill, Inc., is a former assistant state Revenue Department Commissioner, and was a fiscal analyst in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Goodno, of Woodbury, chairs Fredrikson and Byron's government relations practice, is a former commissioner of the state Department of Human Services, and served 12 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Goodno has an LL.M. degree in taxation from William Mitchell College of Law.

Lofgreen, of Becker, is professor emeritus and recently retired as a professor of economics at St. Cloud State University. He directed St. Cloud State's Social Science Research Institute and the Minnesota Economic Development Center, and is a former state economist with the Minnesota Department of Finance. Lofgreen holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Iowa.

Schumacher, of Elk River, retired as executive vice president of Cretex Companies, Inc. He previously was a certified public accountant with Ernst and Young, and an accounting instructor at St. John's University. Schumacher earned an MBA in finance from Arizona State University, and a bachelor of arts degree in economics from St. John's University.

The State Budget Trends Study Commission was created by the 2007 Legislature (Law of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 148, Article 2, Section 81) to complete a study of the implications of state demographic trends for future state budget conditions, including both expected revenue collections and spending for state government services and local services supported by state revenues. The study commission consists of 15 members, including five appointed by the Governor, five appointed by the Senate and five appointed by the House of Representatives. The State Budget Trends Study Commission expires on June 30, 2009.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS GERHARDT TO SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Martin County Sheriff Brad Gerhardt to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Gerhardt has been the Martin County Sheriff since January 2003. Previously, he was a police officer with the city of Fairmont from 1984 through 2002, and a police officer with the city of Breckenridge from 1978 to 1984. He has received specialized training in homeland security and emergency management, as well as U.S. Department of Justice and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension courses, and is active in numerous professional association and community activities. Gerhardt earned his associate degree in law enforcement from Alexandria Technical Institute in 1978.

Gerhardt, 50, lives in Fairmont with his wife, Nyla. They have three sons, Scott, 27, Luke, 24, and Chris, 23. Gerhardt replaces Olmsted County Sheriff Steven Borchardt on the Sentencing Guidelines Commission as a representative of law enforcement to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission develops and maintains rational and consistent sentencing standards which seek to reduce sentencing disparity, increase proportionality in sanctions, and ensure more equitable and uniform sentencing for convicted felons. The commission consists of 11 members, including seven appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS JONES TO GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Nancy Jones to the Governor's Residence Council.

Jones, of Edina, is vice president of Les Jones Roofing, Inc. Previously, she managed the office of John Kaufman Roofing, worked in the cost accounting department at 3M, and worked for the Minnesota State Planning Agency. She is a member and past chair of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota Board of Directors where she also serves on its executive and legislative committees. She is a member of the national Associated Builders and Contractors membership growth committee, National Roofing Contractors Association, Midwest Roofing Contractors Association, and a volunteer for Hope for the City. Jones replaces Andrea Hart Kajer on the Governor's Residence Council as a public member to complete a four-year term that expires on January 4, 2010.

The Governor's Residence Council develops and implements an overall restoration plan for the governor's residence and surrounding grounds and solicits contributions to restore, maintain, improve and furnish the building. The council consists of 19 members, including 13 appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for three First Judicial District trial court bench vacancies. These judgeships are new positions created by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5), and take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of these positions as follows: one for the city of Shakopee in Scott County, one for the city of Hastings in Dakota County, and one for the city of Chaska in Carver County.

The finalists are Jerome B. Abrams, Ann M. Anaya, Janet L. Barke Cain, Mark E. Greene, Caroline H. Lennon, and Tim D. Wermager.

Abrams, of Mendota Heights, is an attorney and president of the Minneapolis law firm of Abrams and Smith. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1997. He was an attorney with the Austin and Abrams law firm in Minneapolis from 1988 through 1996, the Austin and Roth law firm in Minneapolis from 1982 to 1988, Schoenberger Legal Clinic in Richfield and Rochester from 1981 to 1982, and a law clerk with the Minneapolis Star Tribune Company in 1981. Abrams earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1977.

Anaya, of Hastings, is an assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 2002. She was an assistant Ramsey County Attorney from 2000 to 2002, an assistant First Judicial District public defender in Dakota and Goodhue Counties from 1995 to 2000, a defense attorney with the Legal Rights Center in Minneapolis in 1994, and a law clerk to then Minnesota Court of Appeals Chief Judge Paul H. Anderson in 1993. Anaya earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1993, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1990.

Cain, of Burnsville, is an assistant Carver County Attorney and head of the juvenile division. She has been an assistant Carver County Attorney since 1994, and has also worked in the civil and criminal divisions of that office. Cain was an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney from 1992 to 1994, and a law clerk to Fourth Judicial District Judge Robert G. Schiefelbein in Hennepin County from 1989 to 1992, a law clerk with the St. Paul law firm of Salmen, Brinkman and Martinson from 1988 to 1989, an intern to Chief Federal District Court Judge Donald Alsop in 1987, and a law clerk for the Minneapolis City Attorney's office from 1985 to 1988. Cain earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and her bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1986.

Greene, of Chanhassen, is an attorney and managing shareholder with the Standke, Greene and Greenstein, Ltd. law firm in Chanhassen. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1979. He is also an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul and has also been an adjunct professor in the legal studies department at Hamline University in St. Paul, and a mediator and arbitrator in Hennepin County. Greene earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell in 1979, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1975.

Lennon, of Mendota Heights, is an assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1990. She has also been appointed as a special assistant county attorney in Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, and Scott counties on individual cases. Lennon was a law clerk in the Hennepin County Attorney's office from 1988 through 1989. Lennon earned her juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1989 and her bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield in 1985.

Wermager, of Hastings, is an attorney with the Hastings law firm of O'Connell, Wermager and Warg. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1990. He was an attorney with the Law Office of Harry P. Schoen in Hastings from 1982 to 1990. Wermager earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa Law School in 1982, and his bachelor of science degree from Mankato State University in 1979.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received a total of 46 applications for these three judicial vacancies.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWELVE TO PLUMBING BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Karl D. Abrahamson, Rebecca L. Ames, Steven Christenson, Jim Gander, Lawrence G. Justin, Kenneth Kammerer, James Kittelson, Allen J. Lamm, Michael McGowan, Rick Palmateer, John A. Parizek, and Paul A. Sullwold to the Plumbing Board.

Abrahamson, of St. Paul, is a foreman and journeyman plumber with McQuillan Brothers Plumbing and Heating, as well as a plumbing instructor at St. Paul College. Abrahamson is appointed to a position for a commercial/industrial journeyman plumber from the Twin Cities metropolitan area to a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Ames, of St. Paul, is the city of Bloomington plumbing inspector with 17 years of experience as a master plumber in commercial, residential, and industrial plumbing. Ames is appointed to a position for a municipal plumbing inspector from the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Christenson, of Sauk Rapids, is a licensed journeyman plumber and a plumbing instructor at St. Cloud Technical College. He has nearly 15 years of experience as a residential/commercial journeyman plumber. Christenson is appointed to a position for a commercial/industrial plumbing journeyman from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Gander, of Rochester, owns Superior Plumbing, Heating and Water Conditioning, a residential and commercial/industrial company with locations in Rochester, Edina, and Brainerd. Gander, a licensed master plumber and steamfitter, is appointed to a position for a commercial/industrial plumbing contractor from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Justin, of New Brighton, is a mechanical engineer with Wentz Associates, Inc. in Edina. He is a registered professional engineer, and certified in plumbing, engineering as well as a certified plumbing designer by the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. Justin is appointed to a position for a licensed professional engineer for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Kammerer, of Redwood Falls, is the certified building official for the cities of Redwood Falls and Olivia. He has worked in the plumbing industry for 27 years, and is a licensed master plumber, as well as an asbestos inspector. Kammerer is appointed to a position for a municipal plumbing inspector from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Kittelson, of Wanamingo, has owned Kittelson Plumbing and Heating, Inc. in Wanamingo since 1991, and was a manager and technician in the plumbing and heating department of Cenex in Wanamingo for 15 years prior to that. A licensed master plumber, Kittelson is appointed to a position for a residential plumbing contractor for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Lamm, of New Ulm, is the supervisor of the New Ulm Public Utilities Commission water and district energy department. He has been employed in the public water supply field for 35 years, and has been a superintendent for 27 years. Lamm is appointed to a position for a municipal public water supply system operator or superintendent for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

McGowan, of Mankato, is vice president of McGowan Water Conditioning, Inc. in Mankato. McGowan Water Conditioning is a family-owned business established in 1955. He holds a water conditioning contractor license and is a certified water specialist with the National Water Quality Association. McGowan is appointed to a position for a water conditioning contractor for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Palmateer, of Brooklyn Center, is president of Universal Signs Inc., a St. Paul-based company that specializes in the manufacturing and installation of all types of signs. Palmateer is appointed to a public member position for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Parizek, of Prior Lake, is an instructor of state plumbing and mechanical codes with the Minneapolis Plumbers Joint Journeyman and Apprentice Training Committee, and is a licensed journeyman and master plumber as well as a master gasfitter, with over 12 years of experience as a journeyman plumber. Parizek is appointed to a position for a residential plumbing journeyman for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Sullwold, of Shakopee, is president of Minnesota Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (formerly Stein's, Inc.) in Shakopee. He has been in the plumbing industry for over 40 years, and is a licensed journeyman and master plumber. Sullwold is appointed to a position for a commercial/industrial plumbing contractor from the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

The Plumbing Board, created by the 2007 Legislature, adopts the plumbing code that must be followed in Minnesota and any plumbing code amendments thereto; and adopts rules that regulate the licensure or registration of plumbing contractors, journeymen, apprentices, master plumbers, and other persons engaged in the design, installation, and alteration of plumbing systems. The board consists of 14 members, including the Commissioners of Labor and Industry and Health, and 12 members appointed by the Governor.



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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Brent Robbins and Mike Rusinko to the Minnesota State High School League.

Robbins, of Plymouth, is senior counsel for General Mills, Inc. where he handles complex commercial litigations matters. He is a member of the ethics and compliance legal team and antitrust section. Robbins served as a special prosecutor for the city of Long Lake from 1997 to 1999. Robbins received his juris doctor degree from Vanderbilt Law School where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class. He received is bachelor of arts in history from Yale University. Robbins is a member of the board of directors of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Minnesota, a non-profit organization that advocates for policies and practices which enhance the quality of advocacy for abused and neglected children and Our Savior's Housing Shelter. He is a former elementary basketball and soccer coach. Robbins is appointed to a four year term that expires January 3, 2011 and replaces Gene Sullivan on the board.

Rusinko, of Eden Prairie, is the managing director of Accenture's Minneapolis location. Accenture is an 18 billion dollar, publically traded, global services company specializing in management consulting and technology services. Rusinko graduated with a bachelor of science degree in computer science from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is a member of the Minnesota Business Partnership and serves on the board of directors for the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America. Rusinko served on the board of directors of the Eden Prairie Hockey association from 2003 to 2006 and has over 10 years of coaching experience. He is a certified, level 3, USA Hockey coach. He also has experience coaching soccer and fast pitch softball. Rusinko is appointed to fill a four year term that expires January 5, 2009. He replaces Mike Fahey on the board.

The Minnesota State High School League is a voluntary, nonprofit association of over 400 public and private schools. Member schools provide opportunities for more than 200,000 Minnesota high school students to participate in athletics and fine arts competitions each year. The League administers the state tournaments for athletics, speech, music and dramatics.

The League provides support for member schools with programs that address sportsmanship, chemical health, and scholarship recognition. The League also oversees more than 4,500 registered contest officials and judges. The Board of Directors for the League consists of 20 members, including four appointed by the Governor.



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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELEVEN TO BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Douglas Fingerson, James D. Freichels, Kim M. Huxford, Daniel R. Klein, Jay A. Lewis, Timothy R. Malooly, John L. McConnell, Richard P. Owen, Thomas L. Seanger, Anthony C. Toft, and Joseph S. Vespa to the Board of Electricity.

Fingerson, of Zumbrota, is the general manager of Goodhue County Cooperative Electric. He has been its general manager since 1991, and was a staff engineer from 1977 to 1991. He earned a bachelor of agricultural engineer degree – electrical power option – from the University of Minnesota. Fingerson is appointed to a position for a representative of rural electrical suppliers for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Freichels, of Mounds View, is the chief operation officer and part owner of Dell-Comm, Inc., a leading communications company in the Midwest. He has 24 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, is a registered communications distribution designer, and earned a masters degree as well as a bachelors degree in civil engineering. He also served as president of the Communications, Control, Alarm, Remote, Signaling Association. Freichels is appointed to a position for a power limited technician for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Huxford, of Waseca, is the manager of the operations division of Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric, and previously owned his own electrical contacting company. He has 30 years of electrical experience and maintains master electrician and journeyman lineman licenses. Huxford is appointed to a position for a representative of rural electrical suppliers for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Klein, of Cold Spring, is a journeyman electrician with Klein Electric in St. Cloud. He has been a journeyman electrician for 20 years and has experience in commercial, industrial, agricultural, and residential construction. Klein is appointed to a position for journeyman electrician for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Lewis, of Cottage Grove, is president of JETS Electric, an electrical contacting company, and JETSmart, a security and low voltage cabling company based out of St. Paul Park. He is a member of the Minnesota Electrical Association District 6 Board of Directors, and the Dakota County Technical College electrical program steering committee. Lewis is appointed to a master electrician position for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Malooly, of Plymouth, is president of Irrigation By Design, Inc. as well as Irrigation Consultants and Control, Inc., and secretary/treasurer of Dulcet Fountains and Aeration, Inc. He serves on the boards of directors of the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association, and Gopher State One Call, and on a number of national Irrigation Association committees. Malooly is appointed to a position for a power limited technician for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

McConnell, of Emily, is retired after 35 years as a building inspector with the city of Minneapolis. While employed by the city, his work required that he have knowledge of building construction codes. McConnell is appointed to a public member position for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Owen, of Oakdale, is a senior electrical inspector and senior trades coordinator with the city of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections, and a member of the senior manager's committee. He is an instructor for the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, a state-approved continuing education instructor, and has nearly 35 years of experience in the industry. Owen is appointed to a position for an electrical inspector for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Seanger, of Melrose, owns Melrose Electric, has owned an electrical contracting business for 35 years, and has had a class "A" master electrician license for 37 years. He is a past chairman and director of the Minnesota Electrical Association, Inc., and has chaired a number of its committees. Seanger is appointed to a position for a master electrician for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Toft, of Byron, has been a journeyman electrician in southeastern Minnesota for nearly 25 years, and has almost 30 years of experience in the industry. He has also been an apprenticeship instructor with the South Central Minnesota Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and a state-approved continuing education instructor. Toft is appointed to a position for a journeyman electrician for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Vespa, of Hibbing, is a senior electrical engineer with Barr Engineering Company in Hibbing. He also owns and operates Vespa Engineering, Inc., a small electrical contracting firm, whose main purpose is to wire houses for Habitat for Humanity in Hibbing. He has over 16 years of experience in the design of electrical systems and holds a class "A" master electrician's license. Vespa is appointed to a position for a consulting electrical engineer for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

The Board of Electricity adopts the most current edition of the National Electrical Code and any amendments thereto, reviews requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations, adopt rules that regulate the licensure or registration of electrical businesses, electrical contractors, master electricians, journeyman electricians, Class A installer, Class B installer, power limited technicians, and other persons who perform electrical work, and adopts rules that regulate continuing education for licensed or registered individuals. The board consists of 12 members, including the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and 11 members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWELVE TO HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of James J. Andrie, Robert R. Bastianelli, Therese M. Bozicevich, Patrick Galatz, Mark Geisenhoff, David H. Grong, Maureen Hanson, Larry C. Jordan, Mark R. Kincs, Margaret "Peg" Larsen, Vicki Sandberg, and Larry Stevens, Jr. to the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems.

Andrie, of Paynesville, is vice president of construction and safety director with American Industrial Refrigeration in Atwater. He previously held positions as a construction/project manager and service manager with the company, and has a Minnesota state master electrician license as well as a contracting pipefitter license. Andrie is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping contractor from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Bastianelli, of Duluth, is a senior mechanical engineer and manager of quality control for Minnesota Power's Boiler Repair and Welding Program. He was previously a mechanical engineer with Minnesota Power, as well as with LTV Steel Mining, and the University of Minnesota – Duluth (UMD) Natural Resources Institute. He earned an MBA from UMD, and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and mining engineering from the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. Bastianelli is appointed to a position for a professional mechanical engineer for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Bozicevich, of Champlin, is a journeyman pipefitter and certified welder currently employed by Egan Companies at the University of Minnesota. She is trained in orbital and TIG welding through Local 539 Pipe Fitters journeyman classes, and is an apprenticeship instructor in drafting and blueprint review. Bozicevich is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping journeyman from the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Galatz, of Hibbing, is a steamfitter in Virginia, and has been a foreman on piping projects as well as a high pressure piping instructor. He is licensed as a high pressure journeyman and a high pressure contracting pipefitter. Galatz is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping journeyman from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Geisenhoff, of Lake Elmo, is the manager and chief inspector of the fixed equipment reliability group at Flint Hills Resources at the Pine Bend refinery. He has 27 years of experience in the industry, and is a certified inspector by the American Petroleum Institute. Geisenhoff is appointed to a position for a representative of industrial companies that use high pressure piping systems in their industrial process for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Grong, of Marshall, is employed by Carlson and Stewart Refrigeration, Inc. in Marshall and served as company president from 1988 to 2006. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers; and the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration, where he chaired the piping committee, and is immediate past chairman of the board of directors. Grong is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping contractor from outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Hanson, of Woodbury, has been a pipefitter with the city of St. Paul for 23 years and a mechanical inspector for eight years. She has been a licensed pipefitter in Minnesota for 25 years, and earned her degree in pipefitting from St. Paul Technical College. Hanson is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping inspector for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Jordan, of Brooklyn Park, is a project manager and has been an owner of New Mech Companies, Inc. He has served on the boards of directors of the St. Paul Apprenticeship Board Local 455; Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning and Roofing Contractors Association, of which he has been president; Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association, where he was also president. Jordan, who holds a high pressure steam license, is appointed to a position for a high pressure piping contractor from the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Kincs, of Shakopee, is the principal production engineer with the metals and materials resources group of Xcel Energy Services, Inc., a position he has held since 2001. He was a senior engineer with Enbridge Inc. in Duluth from 1988 to 2001. He is a registered professional mechanical engineer as well as a certified welding inspector with the American Welding Society, and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society for Materials. Kincs is appointed to a position for a representative of a Minnesota utility company for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Larsen, of Lakeland, is a lobbyist and president of RCS Consulting, as well as a member of the Lakeland City Council, where she also previously served from 1987 to 1990. She served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1995 through 2000, and was Lakeland mayor from 1991 to 1994. Larsen is appointed to a position for a public member for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Sandberg, of Brooklyn Park, is the director of employment services with the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association, a position she has held since 2001. She was an assistant chapter manager with the National Electrical Contractors Association from 1991 to 2001. Sandberg is appointed to a position for a representative of the high pressure piping industry for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Stevens, of Woodbury, is a project manager with Pioneer Power, Inc. in St. Paul, a position he has held since 1998. Previously, he was a pipefitter general foreman, journeyman pipefitter, and an apprentice with Pioneer Power. He holds a state licensed as a high pressure steam contractor, and graduated from St. Paul Technical College as a journeyman pipefitter. Stevens is appointed a high pressure piping contractor from the Twin Cities metropolitan area for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

The Board of High Pressure Piping Systems, created by the 2007 Legislature, adopts the high pressure piping code that must be followed in the state and any amendments thereto; reviews requests for final interpretations and issue final interpretations; adopts rules – with the exception of rule regulating continuing education – regulating the licensure or registration of high pressure piping contactors, journeymen, and other persons engaged in the design, installation, and alteration of high pressure piping systems; and advises the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry regarding educational requirements for high pressure piping inspectors. The board consists of 13 members, including the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and 12 members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ELEVEN TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jeanne Anderegg, Jennifer Delisi, Mark Felling, Cheire Frick, Rachel Garaghty, Heidi Hensel, JoAnn Leppink, Jon Kragness, David Quilleash, Tom Reed, and Brian Wagner as public members to the Advisory Council on Technology for People with Disabilities.

Anderegg, of Saint Paul, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Delisi, of Mendota Heights, is appointed to a two year term that expires January 5, 2009.

Felling, of Maple Grove, is appointed to a two year term that expires January 5, 2009.

Frick, of Kemer, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Garaghty, of Cottage Grove, is appointed to a two year term that expires January 5, 2009.

Hensel, of Bemidji, is appointed to a two year term that expires January 5, 2009.

Leppink, of Bloomington, is appointed to a two year term that expires January 5, 2009.

Kragness, of Fergus Falls, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Quilleash, of Plymouth, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Reed, of St. Cloud, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Wagner, of Alexandria, is appointed to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Technology for People with Disabilities administers the Minnesota System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR) program. The STAR Program is federally funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration in accordance with the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. The council consists of 16 members including 11 public members appointed by the Governor and five members of designated state agencies.

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#### COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for four trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

Three vacancies will occur with the resignations of the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas and the Honorable Francis J. Connolly, who have accepted appointments to the Court of Appeals, and the retirement of the Honorable Harry Seymour Crump. The effective date of Judges Schellhas and Connolly's resignations and Judge Crump's retirement is December 31, 2007. The fourth vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Allen Oleisky on March 31, 2008.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Fourth Judicial District may request an application for these positions by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at john.hultquist@state.mn.us or by writing:

Eric J. Magnuson, Chair Commission on Judicial Selection 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

All candidates for these vacancies must submit an application. One set of application materials will be considered for all four positions. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Tuesday**, **November 20**, **2007**.

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO MINNESOTA COMMISSION ON NEW AMERICANS

**Saint Paul**-Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Peter Sadowski, Ph. D. and Joe Swedberg to the Commission on New Americans. Both are appointed to two year terms that expire June 30, 2009.

Sadowski, of Minneapolis, is a vice president at Antares Pharma, Inc. and is responsible for device operations for the specialty pharmaceutical company. Sadowski holds a Ph. D. in microbiology from the University of Minnesota and completed his bachelor of science and master of science degrees at Montana State University. Sadowski is a member of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and is the past chair of the Education and Workforce Development Policy Committee.

Swedberg, of Austin, is the vice president of legislative affairs and marketing services with Hormel Foods Corporation. He oversees all state and federal legislative affairs and is responsible for all marketing services, including packaging design, consumer insight and consumer affairs. Swedberg has been with Hormel for over 26 years. Swedberg is the immediate past chair of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, serves as vice-chair of the Minnesota Agri-Growth Council and is a board member of the Minnesota Zoo.

The Commission on New Americans was established by the 2007 legislature to identify the strengths of the immigrant community in Minnesota. The commission is tasked with compiling a report for the legislature and state agencies with recommendations regarding facilitating immigrant participation in social, cultural and economic life in Minnesota. The commission consists of 10 members with two appointed by the Governor.

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# COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION ANNOUNCES SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

(St. Paul, MN) – The Commission on Judicial Selection today announced that applications are now being accepted for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County. The vacancy will occur as a result of the retirement of the Honorable A. James Dickinson on January 1, 2008. The Supreme Court certified the continuation of the chambers of this position for the city of St. Paul in Ramsey County.

Licensed Minnesota attorneys who are residents of the Second Judicial District may request an application by calling John Hultquist at 651-296-0019, via e-mail at <a href="mailto:john.hultquist@state.mn.us">john.hultquist@state.mn.us</a> or by writing:

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All candidates for this vacancy must submit an application. Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the above address so they are received no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, December 3, 2007.** 

Applicants are asked not to contact the commission members individually, as the nine atlarge members and the four district members will conduct interviews at a later date.

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# GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Faribault in Rice County that occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Gerald J. Wolf on September 14, 2007. The finalists are Karen R. Duncan, Ross L. Leuning, and Thomas M. Neuville.

Duncan, of Owatonna, is the managing attorney in the Third Judicial District Public Defender's office in Owatonna. She has been an assistant Third Judicial District public defender since 2000 and was also a self-employed attorney from 2000 to 2001. She was an associate attorney with Charnetski, Olson, Lacina and Garland in Grinnell, Iowa from 1999 to 2000, an assistant Benton County attorney in Vinton, Iowa from 1994 to 1999, an assistant Olmsted County attorney in Rochester from 1993 to 1994, an assistant Rice County attorney in Faribault from 1989 to 1993, and a Rice County judicial law clerk from 1988 to 1989. Duncan earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1988 and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985.

Leuning, of Owatonna, is an associate Olmsted County attorney in Rochester, a position he has held since July. He has also been a Judge Advocate with the U. S. Naval Reserve since 1991. Leuning was an attorney and partner with Walbran, Furness and Leuning from 1991 to 2007, an assistant professor at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland from 1989 to 1991, and a Judge Advocate with the U.S. Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Base in Great Lakes, Illinois from 1986 to 1989. Leuning earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Oregon Law School in Eugene in 1986 and his bachelor of science degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1983.

Neuville, of Northfield, is an attorney and partner with Grundhoefer, Neuville and Ludescher in Northfield, where he has practiced since 1976. He has served as the Dundas City Attorney since 1990, was the Lonsdale City Attorney from 1978 to 1980, a part-time contract assistant state public defender from 1985 to 1996, and a part-time contract assistant Rice County public defender from 1977 to 1985. Neuville is also serving his sixth term as a Minnesota state Senator, where he represents Senate District 25.

Neuville earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1976, and his bachelor of science degree with honors from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan in 1972.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 11 applications for this judicial vacancy.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS CAIN TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Chaska – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Janet L. Barke Cain to a new First Judicial District trial court bench judgeship in Carver County. This judgeship is one of seven district court judgeships created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5) that take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of one position for the city of Chaska in Carver County.

Cain is an assistant Carver County Attorney and head of the juvenile division. She has been an assistant Carver County Attorney since 1994, and has also worked in the civil and criminal divisions of that office. Cain was an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney from 1992 to 1994, and a law clerk to Fourth Judicial District Judge Robert G. Schiefelbein in Hennepin County from 1989 to 1992, a law clerk with the St. Paul law firm of Salmen, Brinkman and Martinson from 1988 to 1989, an intern to Chief Federal District Court Judge Donald Alsop in 1987, and a law clerk for the Minneapolis City Attorney's office from 1985 to 1988. Cain earned her juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1989, and her bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1986.

"Janet has established herself as a leader in the legal community in Carver County and the State," Governor Pawlenty said. "Her tremendous combination of professional legal skills, work ethic, and leadership will be a great asset to the bench."

Cain is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Protection Rules Committee, and has served on the Court's Juvenile Delinquency Rules, Children's Justice Initiative, and Sentencing Forms Committees. She is also a member of the First Judicial District Equal Justice Committee; Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA), where she serves on the MCAA Juvenile Law Committee; Carver County Child Protection Team; Carver County Multidisciplinary Case Consultation Team; Carver County Child Mortality Review Panel; Carver County JUSTUS Committee; Carver County Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; Independent School District 112 Middle School Initiative; and District 191 Community Education Advisory Council. She has also presented lectures at continuing legal education seminars; and has been a volunteer, fundraiser and speaker at local schools, her church, and civic organizations.

Cain, 43, was born in St. Paul, and lives in Burnsville with her husband, David, and their two sons, Daniel, 15, and Luke, 12.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS WERMAGER TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Hastings** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tim D. Wermager to a new First Judicial District trial court bench judgeship in Dakota County.

This judgeship is one of seven district court judgeships created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5) that take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of one position for the city of Hastings in Dakota County.

Wermager is an attorney with the Hastings law firm of O'Connell, Wermager and Warg. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1990. He was an attorney with the Law Office of Harry P. Schoen in Hastings from 1982 to 1990. Wermager earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa Law School in 1982, and his bachelor of science degree from Mankato State University in 1979.

"Tim has been a Dakota County practitioner for 25 years and has earned a reputation as a hard-working, courteous and thoughtful lawyer who has earned a tremendous level of respect among practitioners and judges," Governor Pawlenty said. "As a judge, he will be immediately adept at handling the most contentious cases that come before him."

Wermager is a member of the Dakota County Bar Association, has served as a Minnesota State Bar Association mock trial coach and judge, a Teens in Government Day mentor, a Hastings Family Service Board member, and a Guardian ad Litem in Dakota County. He has also been a Hastings Youth Athletic Association coach, as well as a member of the men's volleyball and basketball leagues, serving as president of the basketball league for two years.

Wermager, 50, was born in Austin, and lives in Hastings.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS ABRAMS TO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Shakopee** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Jerome B. Abrams to a new First Judicial District trial court bench judgeship in Scott County.

This judgeship is one of seven district court judgeships created by the 2007 Legislature (2007 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 54, Article 1, Section 5) that take effect on January 1, 2008. The Minnesota Supreme Court certified the chambers of one position for the city of Shakopee in Scott County.

Abrams is an attorney and president of the Minneapolis law firm of Abrams and Smith. He has been an attorney with the firm since 1997. He was an attorney with the Austin and Abrams law firm in Minneapolis from 1988 through 1996, the Austin and Roth law firm in Minneapolis from 1982 to 1988, Schoenberger Legal Clinic in Richfield and Rochester from 1981 to 1982, and a law clerk with the Minneapolis Star Tribune Company in 1981. Abrams earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1981, and his bachelor of arts degree from Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1977.

"Jerry is well-known among civil practitioners as one of the top lawyers in the field for his integrity, thoughtfulness, and ability to handle complex civil matters," Governor Pawlenty said. "He will be an immediate impact player on the bench."

Abrams is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, First District Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, and Defense Research Institute. He has earned the top rating of AV from Martindale-Hubbel, has been named a "Super Lawyer" by Minnesota Law and Politics every year since 2000, and is listed as a Leading American Attorney by the American Research Group. Abrams' community activities include serving as a fundraiser with the United Jewish Fund and Council as well as the American Cancer Society. He has also been president of the Jewish Family Services of St. Paul, a Sibley Sting Soccer Coach, and a Leukemia Society fundraising volunteer.

Abrams, 51, was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and lives in Mendota Heights with his wife, Debra, and their three daughters.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS NEUVILLE TO THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Faribault** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Thomas M. Neuville to a Third Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in the city of Faribault in Rice County. The vacancy occurred with the retirement of the Honorable Gerald J. Wolf on September 14, 2007.

Neuville, of Northfield, is an attorney and partner with Grundhoefer, Neuville and Ludescher in Northfield, where he has practiced since 1976. He has served as the Dundas City Attorney since 1990, was the Lonsdale City Attorney from 1978 to 1980, a part-time contract assistant state public defender from 1985 to 1996, and a part-time contract assistant Rice County public defender from 1977 to 1985.

"Tom has experience with a wide variety of cases, has solid legal skills, a congenial style, and a strong commitment to his community," Governor Pawlenty said.

Neuville is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, where he serves on the Elder, Family, and Criminal Law Sections; and is a member of the Supreme Court committee established to review the rules of judicial standards. He was a member of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Minnesota Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, has served on two judicial selection subcommittees, as well as a task force on criminal sentencing and prisons; and has been a lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on child support laws, and legislative changes to Minnesota's sexual offender laws.

Neuville is serving his sixth term as a Minnesota state Senator, where he represents Senate District 25. He has been a member of the Senate since 1990, is the ranking minority member of the Public Safety Budget Division, and serves on the Business, Industry and Jobs; Finance; and Judiciary Committees. He is also a member of the Northfield Rotary Club, and the Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president in 1986-87, and was named Northfield Businessperson of the year this year.

Neuville, 57, was born in Marinette, Wisconsin, and lives in Northfield with his wife, Marilynn. They have five children, Mark, John, Anne, Luke, and Meg, and two grandchildren, Sam, and Lucy.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS DIETZEN TO SUPREME COURT

~ Dietzen brings appellate court and complex commercial litigation experience to state's highest court ~

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge Christopher J. Dietzen to the position of Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Dietzen will succeed the Honorable Sam Hanson, who announced his retirement from the Supreme Court last month. Justice Hanson's retirement is effective on January 1, 2008.

"Minnesota appreciates Justice Hanson's public service as a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court," Governor Pawlenty said. "He is a true gentleman with a genuine concern for justice."

Dietzen has been a judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals since December 2004. Previously, he was a shareholder with the Larkin, Hoffman, Daly and Lindgren law firm in Bloomington where he was its senior litigator in the Real Estate Litigation Practice Group, and served on the firm's Board of Directors from 1995 to 2002. Prior to joining the Larkin Hoffman firm in 1978, Dietzen was an attorney and partner with the law firm of Richter, Wimberley and Ericson in Spokane, Washington from 1973 to 1978. Dietzen earned his juris doctorate degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane in 1973 and his bachelor of business administration from Gonzaga University in 1969.

"Judge Dietzen distinguished himself in private practice and as a member of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. His private practice complex litigation experience and the thoughtful approach he takes as a member of the Court of Appeals makes him well-prepared for this position. He has the professional background, intellect and wisdom to be an outstanding Supreme Court Justice," said Governor Pawlenty.

Dietzen chairs the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure, a committee of which he has been a member since 1998. Earlier this year, Dietzen was appointed by Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Russell Anderson to an ad hoc Advisory Committee to Review the Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct. Minnesota Court of Appeals Chief Judge Edward Toussaint appointed Dietzen to chair an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations to the Court to improve the efficiency of the handling of Court of Appeals cases.

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As a lawyer, Dietzen was certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association as a Civil Trial Specialist and by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a Civil Trial Advocate. He was a member of the Commission on Judicial Selection, and the Minnesota State and Hennepin County Bar Associations, where he served on a number of bar committees.

Dietzen, 60, was born in Yakima, Washington, and resides in Bloomington with his wife, Peggy. They have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

The Minnesota Supreme Court hears appeals from the Court of Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals and Tax Court; reviews first-degree murder convictions, and legislative election disputes. The Supreme Court consists of seven justices, including one chief justice and six associate justices.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS KLEMENHAGEN TO BOARD OF BARBER AND COSMETOLOGIST EXAMINERS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Douglas Klemenhagen to the Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners.

Klemenhagen, of Farmington, owns Farmington Barber and Beauty, and has been a licensed barber in Minnesota for 23 years. In addition to providing barbering services, Klemenhagen also employs six cosmetologists in his business. He earned his barber degree from Moler Barber College in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Freemasons, Minneapolis Shrine Club, and Farmington Eagles. Klemenhagen replaces Thomas Plash as a barber member of the board to complete a four-year term that expires on January 7, 2008.

The Board of Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners oversees the administration, enforcement, regulation, and adoption of rules regulating the barber and cosmetologist professions. The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, including three barbers, three cosmetologists and one public member.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FINALISTS

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted two finalists recommended to him by the Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee for an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 4, which includes all of Carver and Scott Counties, and the Hennepin County cities of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius. The finalists are Lee Bernick and Craig Peterson.

Bernick, of Savage, is a licensed realtor exclusively serving the southern metropolitan area with ReMax Advantage Plus. He has won numerous professional awards, including being inducted into the ReMax International Hall of Fame this year. Prior to entering the real estate business with his wife, Julie, Bernick was director of structured finance and business development for Fingerhut Corporation, and had over 12 years of experience in corporate financial management. He served on the Savage City Council from 2000 to 2004, and has been a volunteer at Glendale Elementary School, Savage's Dan Patch Days, and coached sports through the YMCA and Prior Lake Athletics for Youth Programs.

Peterson, of Chanhassen, is the principal consultant with Marathon Enterprises, Inc., a business specializing in real estate and general management services to small and mid-sized companies. Previously, he held a number of positions for 23 years with Gelco Information Network, Inc., culminating as vice president of administration. He has been a member of the Chanhassen City Council since 2000, chairs the Southwest Transit Commission, and serves on the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board, and the Chanhassen Economic Development Authority. He previously served on the Chanhassen Planning Commission, including four years as chair.

The seven-member Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee, which recommended these candidates to the Governor, conducted a public hearing on November 1<sup>st</sup> in Shakopee to accept statements from, or on behalf of, applicants for the position. The Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee members who made these recommendations were Mark Schiffman (Chair), Mike Burton, Dave Clark, Song Lo Fawcett, Cyndee Fields, Paul Gaston, and Maureen Shaver. Seventeen people applied for the position, three applicants withdrew their application prior to the public hearing, and 12 applicants attended the public hearing and gave a presentation to the Nominating Committee.

The Metropolitan Council coordinates planning and development in the seven county metropolitan area and directly operates several regional services. The Metropolitan Council consists of 16 metropolitan citizens appointed from geographically defined districts in the seven county metropolitan area and a chair. All 17 members are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms that are co-terminus with the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS EIGHT TO BOXING COMMISSION

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Gary Brintnall, RD Brown, Judge John E. Cass, Robert Dolan, Matthew Henderson, Chad Ridler, and Robert A. Stein; and the reappointment of Patrick R. Fallon to the Minnesota Boxing Commission.

Brintnall, of Burnsville, is assistant director of taxes with Canadian Pacific Railway, and has 20 years of experience in its tax department. Previously, he was a tax examiner with the Minnesota Department of Revenue for five years. Brintnall, a licensed attorney and certified public accountant, earned his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, his masters degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas, and his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota. Brintnall's mixed martial arts experience includes training at Combat Jujitsu School in Minneapolis and Bisons Submission Grappling (now known as Team Bison), and serving in a volunteer organization aimed at providing a regulatory structure for mixed martial arts events prior to its incorporation with the Minnesota Boxing Commission. Brintnall is appointed to a new position on the Boxing Commission for a person with knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry to an initial term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Brown, of St. Paul, recently retired as vice president of child and family support services for Children's Home Society and Family Services. His professional career was in strategic planning, management, budgeting, and community development. He holds masters degrees in health services administration and business administration from Columbia Pacific University in San Rafael, California, and a bachelors degree in business administration and management from Central College in Pella, Iowa. Brown has been very active in local community organizations having served on numerous federal, state, and local committees. His mixed martial arts experience includes participating in local shimsas, assisting with regional tournaments, and he has won numerous awards in seniors free fighting. Brown is appointed to a new position on the Boxing Commission for a person with knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry to an initial term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Cass, of Stillwater, retired earlier this year from the Tenth Judicial District trial court bench in Washington County. He was appointed a judge in Washington County in 1983 and was elected in 1984, re-elected in 1990, 1996, and 2002. He was an attorney in private practice for 14 years prior to becoming a judge. Cass earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School; and his masters degree, as well as his bachelors degree, from the University of Massachusetts.

Cass replaces Judge James Morrow as a retired judge member of the commission to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Dolan, of Golden Valley, is an attorney and partner with the Minneapolis law firm of Yaeger, Jungbauer and Barczask, a position he has held since 1995. He has also been an attorney and partner with Hunegs, Stone, Koenig and Dolan, an assistant Hennepin County Public Defender, and an associate attorney with McEachron, Johnson and Milota in Minneapolis. Dolan earned his law degree from Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa and his bachelor of arts degree from St. Thomas College in St. Paul. Dolan served on Minnesota's previous state Board of Boxing in the 1990s. Dolan replaces Senator Dick Day as a member with knowledge of the boxing industry to complete a four-year term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Fallon, of Minneapolis, is the founder and chairman of Fallon Worldwide, an international business marketing and consulting firm based in Minneapolis with offices in Hong Kong, London, Sao Paulo, Singapore, and Tokyo. He has served on numerous community boards including the Children's Defense Fund, Camp Heartland, Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra, and Minnesota Zoo Board. Fallon, who has been a member of the Boxing Commission since its reauthorization in 2006, is reappointed to a four-year term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Henderson, of Eagan, is the employee relations manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises in Eagan, and previously held human resources positions with companies including U.S. Foodservice, and Deloitte and Touche. He is also a trial counsel with the U.S. Army and has served on the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. Henderson earned his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, his masters degree in industrial relations from the University of Minnesota, and his bachelor of science degree in industrial psychology from North Dakota State University in Fargo. He has trained in both Tae Kwon Do and Judo. Henderson is appointed to a new position on the Boxing Commission for a person with knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry to an initial term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Ridler, of New London, is the owner and head instructor of Ridler's Martial Arts Academy in Willmar. The academy trains students in various martial arts disciplines. Ridler has been training in martial arts over 20 years, and holds the rank of Second Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, Third Degree Black Belt in Judo/Jujitsu, Third Degree Black Belt in Karate, and is testing for his Fifth Degree Black Belt in Ching Sai Do. He has received training certificates in pressure point control tactics, spontaneous knife defense, and is a grand champion sword competitor. Ridler is appointed to a new position on the Boxing Commission for a person with knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry to an initial term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Stein, of Minnetonka, is currently a senior consultant with Teleplus Consulting in Minneapolis. He has 30 years of experience in sports as a competitor, attorney, and senior executive, including serving as president and CEO of the Minnesota Timberwolves NBA franchise, and Target Center Arena; a self-employed attorney representing NFL, NBA, and NHL athletes; director of the Association of Representatives of Professional Athletes; and eight years in the NFL as a linebacker, where he played on the 1969 Kansas City Chiefs Superbowl Championship team. Stein earned his law degree from the University of Missouri Law School, graduating in the top 10 percent of his class while concurrently playing in the NFL.

Stein earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota, where he was a Rhodes Scholarship semi-finalist, and one of only two football players to ever be selected both academic all-American and first team all-American. Stein replaces Nancy Schuster on the Boxing Commission to complete a four-year term that expires on January 3, 2011.

The Minnesota Boxing Commission, created by the 2006 Legislature, was expanded by the 2007 Legislature to include mixed martial arts. The commission has sole direction, supervision, regulation, control, and jurisdiction over all boxing and tough person contests held within the state; sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses; may adopt rules including, but not limited to, the conduct of boxing exhibitions, bouts, fights, and their manner, supervision, time, and place; and must adopt unified rules for mixed martial arts. The Minnesota Boxing Commission, whose purpose is to protect health, promote safety, and ensure fair boxing and mixed martial arts events, now consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a retired Minnesota judge, three of whom must have knowledge of the boxing industry, and four of whom must have knowledge of the mixed martial arts industry.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCIES

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection for four trial court bench vacancies in the Fourth Judicial District in Hennepin County.

Three vacancies will occur with the resignations of the Honorable Heidi S. Schellhas and the Honorable Francis J. Connolly, who have accepted appointments to the Court of Appeals, and the retirement of the Honorable Harry Seymour Crump. The effective date of Judges Schellhas and Connolly's resignations and Judge Crump's retirement is December 31, 2007. The fourth vacancy will occur with the retirement of the Honorable Allen Oleisky on March 31, 2008.

The finalists are Tamara G. Garcia, Geoffrey Isaacman, Fred Karasov, Frank J. Magill, Jr., Anne K. McKeig, Laurie J. Miller, James A. Moore, Thomas M. Sipkins, and Gloria Stamps-Smith.

Garcia, of Eden Prairie, has been a self-employed attorney in private practice since 2000; a judicial hearing examiner with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Shakopee since 1995; a judicial hearing examiner with AMERIND Risk Management Corporation in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico since 2007; and a director with the State Fund Mutual Insurance Company in Bloomington since 2000. Previously, she was an associate attorney and partner with the Pustorino, Pederson, Tilton and Parrington law firm in Edina from 1989 to 2000, and a staff attorney with the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals in St. Paul from 1987 to 1989. Garcia earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1986, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1983.

Isaacman, of Minneapolis, is an assistant public defender in the Fourth Judicial District Public Defender's office in Hennepin County, a position he has held since 1996. Isaacman earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1996, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield in 1992.

Karasov, of Minneapolis, is the senior attorney in the violent crimes division of the Hennepin County Attorney's office, and has been an attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office since 1983. He is also a military judge with the Minnesota Army National Guard, a position he has held since 2000, and was a staff judge advocate with the National Guard from 1988 to 2000. Prior to earning his law degree, Karasov was a senior deputy Hennepin County Sheriff from 1978 to 1982. Karasov earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1982, his master of science degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts in 1978, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976.

Magill, of St. Louis Park, is the first assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Minnesota, a position he has held since June. He has been an assistant U. S. Attorney since 1990, serving as the economic crimes chief from 1998 to June 2007. Previously, he was a civil litigation associate attorney with the Dorsey and Whitney law firm in Minneapolis from 1985 to 1990. Magill earned his juris doctorate degree magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in1985, and his bachelor of science degree from Georgetown in 1981.

McKeig, of Brooklyn Park, is an assistant county attorney in the Hennepin County Attorney's office in Minneapolis, a position she has held since 1992. McKeig earned her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1992, and her bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul in 1989.

Miller, of Edina, is an attorney and shareholder with the Fredrikson and Byron law firm in Minneapolis. She has been an attorney with the firm since 1989. Previously, she was an attorney with the Dunlap and Seeger (then known as Dunlap, Keith, Finseth, Berndt and Sandberg) law firm in Rochester from 1986 to 1989, an attorney with the Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe law firm in San Francisco, California from 1983 to 1986, and a law clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit Judges Myron H. Bright and Richard S. Arnold in St. Louis, Missouri from 1981 to 1983. Miller earned her juris doctorate degree from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1981, and her bachelor of arts degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 1978.

Moore, of Plymouth, is an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney, a position he has held since 1990. He was an assistant Bloomington City Attorney from 1986 through 1989, and an associate attorney with Robert J. Steigauf in 1986. Moore earned his juris doctorate degree cum laude from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul in 1985, and his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1981.

Sipkins, of Edina, is an attorney and partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Maslon, Edelman, Borman, and Brand, a position he has held since 2004. Previously, he was an attorney and shareholder with Halleland Lewis, Nilan, Sipkins and Johnson in Minneapolis from 1996 to 2004, an attorney and shareholder with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich, Kaufman and Doty in Minneapolis from 1986 to 1996, an attorney and partner with Peterson, Popovich, Knutson and Flynn in St. Paul from 1977 to 1986, a city of St. Paul staff attorney from 1975 to 1977, and a staff attorney with the United States Renegotiation Board in Washington D.C. from 1973 to 1975.

Sipkins earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1973, and his bachelor or arts degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts in 1969.

Stamps-Smith, of Plymouth, has been an assistant Hennepin County Attorney since 1995. She was a disciplinary counsel with the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court in Nashville from 1990 to 1995, and an assistant Minneapolis City Attorney from 1985 to 1989. Stamps-Smith earned her juris doctorate degree from the University of Iowa Law School in Iowa City in 1984, and her bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi in 1981.

The Commission on Judicial Selection screens judicial candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor for district court vacancies that occur during the term of a judge. The commission consists of 13 members: nine at-large members and four members from the judicial district. The commission members include attorneys and non-attorneys appointed by the Governor and the Minnesota Supreme Court. The commission received 55 applications for these four judicial vacancies.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION PRACTICE

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Marnie Moore-Lindman and Jennifer K. Nelson to the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice. Both are reappointed to four year terms that expire in August, 2011.

Moore-Lindman, of Minneapolis, is a paralegal with the Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren law firm where she works in their government affairs department. She previously served as manager of government affairs for Cook Hill Girard Associates and worked as a corporate account manager for the Minnesota Wild NHL Hockey Club. Moore received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota and currently attends Hamline University School of Law. She is reappointed as a public member.

Nelson, of Rochester, currently serves as chair of the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice. She is the director of clinical dietetics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester where she leads a staff of 55 clinical dietitians, nine dietetic technicians, and two nutrition assistants. Nelson is an Associate Professor of Nutrition in Mayo Medical School and editor for the Food and Nutrition Center for Mayoclinic.com. In 2007, she was awarded the Mayo Clinic Excellence in Teamwork award. Nelson earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics and nutrition from the University of Minnesota, and a master of science degree in nutrition from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Nelson is reappointed as a licensed dietitian member of the board.

The Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice is responsible for licensing and disciplining dieticians and nutritionists. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT VACANCY

Saint Paul – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced that he has accepted the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Selection accepted for a Second Judicial District trial court bench vacancy in Ramsey County that will occur with the retirement of the Honorable A. James Dickinson on January 1, 2008. The finalists are Manuel J. Cervantes, John H. Guthmann, Sangeeta Jain, and James J. Street.

Cervantes, of St. Paul, is an assistant Minnesota Attorney General, a position he has held since 2006. He was the St. Paul City Attorney from 2002 to 2006, a Second Judicial District Court Referee in Ramsey County from 1992 to 2002, a state Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals Judge from 1986 to 1992, an assistant St. Paul City Attorney in 1986, a labor-management attorney with the American Federation of Government Employees in Bloomington from 1981 to 1985, and a housing management specialist with the U.S. Department of Urban Development in Minneapolis from 1980 to 1981. Cervantes earned a fellow certificate from the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Policy in St. Paul in 1986, his juris doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1980, and his bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College in St. Paul in 1974.

Guthmann, of St. Paul, is an attorney and partner with the Arden Hills law firm of Hansen, Dordell, Bradt, Odlaug and Bradt. He was the firm's managing partner from 1999 to 2002, has been a partner since 1990, and was an associate attorney from 1981 through 1989. Guthmann clerked for Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Sheran from 1980 to 1981. Guthmann earned his juris doctorate degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul in 1980, where he was editor-in-chief of the William Mitchell Law Review; and his bachelor of arts degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa in 1976.

Jain, of North Oaks, is a Fourth Judicial District Court Referee in Hennepin County, a child support magistrate, a law professor with Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, as well as a mediator and facilitator with the Minnesota Department of Education.

Jain was a court referee in 2003 and again since December 2006, a Hennepin County child support magistrate since 1999, a Seventh Judicial District child support magistrate since 2006, a Hamline law professor since 2003, and a Department of Education mediator since 2007. Jain was a staff attorney with the Minnesota Justice Foundation in St. Paul from 2002 to 2003, an assistant Ramsey County Attorney from 1994 to 1999, a staff attorney with Legal Aid Society in Minneapolis in 1994, and a deputy district attorney in the San Diego District Attorney's office in San Diego, California from 1989 to 1993. Jain earned her master's of law degree from the University of San Diego Law School in 1989, her juris doctorate degree from Hamline University in St. Paul in 1988, and her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1985.

Street, of St. Paul, is the supervising family law attorney with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. (SMRLS). He has been a supervising attorney with SMRLS in the St. Paul office since 1995. Previously, he was the managing attorney in the SMRLS Prior Lake office from 1990 to 1995, a staff attorney with Queens Legal Services, Inc. in Long Island City, New York from 1987 to 1990, and a staff attorney with Legal Services of Metropolitan Denver in Denver, Colorado from 1986 to 1987. Street earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Denver College of Law in 1986, and his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Macalester College in St. Paul in 1983.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steve Bissen, Karen DeLaForest, Keith Downey, Karen Ernst-Graham, Marilyn Jones, Otto Luknic, Thomas Matson, Carla Nelson, David Pinto, Gerald Seppala, and Angela Stotesbery and the reappointment of Jennifer Anderson, Dr. Debra Bowers, Arlene Bush and Melissa Malen to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Bissen, of LaCrescent, is part of the management team at Underdahl Toyota. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Bissen replaces Jane Chronister on the board.

DeLaForest, of Andover, works for the Anoka-Hennepin School District. She is appointed as an education member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. DeLaForest replaces Beverly Sullivan on the board.

Downey, of Edina, is a partner at Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2009. Downey replaces David Schwartzkopf on the board.

Ernst-Graham, of Minneapolis, is a teacher with a masters degree in education from Hamline University. She is appointed as an education member to fulfill a four year term that expires in 2011. Ernst-Grahm replaces Lynette Olson on the board.

Jones, of Minneapolis, holds a Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota and a Masters of Business Administration from Syracuse University. She is appointed as an education member to a four year-term that expires in January, 2012. Jones replaces Harvey Hietala on the board.

Luknic, of Fairbault, is a retired business owner and school teacher. He serves on his local school board, Lions Club and Rice County Historical Society board. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Luknic replaces Francis Connolly on the board.

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Matson, of Edina is seminar leader and trainer with the Gallup Organization and is the former director of development for the Sigma Chi Foundation and Leadership Institute. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Matson replaces Carole Elfstrum on the board.

Nelson, of Rochester, is the owner of an Allstate Agency. She has an extensive background in education, business, and public service. She is a former legislator from the Rochester area. Nelson appointed to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012 and replaces David Jebens on the board.

Pinto, of St. Paul is an attorney with the firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP. He holds a juris doctorate degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Virginia. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2009. Pinto replaces Gary Floss on the board.

Seppala, of Wayzata is an experienced profit and non-profit fundraiser. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2011. Sepppala replaces Linda Garrett-Johnson on the board.

Stotesbery, of Eden Prairie, is an assistant director for US Wealth Management. She is appointed as a business member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012. Stotesbery replaces Claudia Fuentes on the board.

Anderson, of Edina, is an attorney with Thiel, Campbell, Gunderson and Anderson, PLLP and serves as the current chair of The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation. She is reappointed as a business member to a term that expires in January, 2011.

Bowers, of St. Louis Park, is the Superintendent of School for the St. Louis Park School District. She is reappointed as an education member to a term that expires in January, 2010.

Bush, of Bloomington, is a retired educator and business person. She is a member of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and is the former president of the Minnesota School Boards Association. She is reappointed as an education member to a term that expires in January, 2011.

Malen, of St. Paul, is a career counselor who works in the field of business and education. She is reappointed as an education member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools, administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors that is appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS PETERSON TO METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Craig J. Peterson to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Metropolitan Council in District 4. The vacancy occurred with the resignation of Brian Lundquist on July 31. District 4 includes all of Carver and Scott Counties, and the Hennepin County cities of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius.

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Peterson has been a member of the Chanhassen City Council since 2000, and also serves on the Chanhassen Economic Development Authority. He chairs the Southwest Transit Commission, is a member of the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board, and previously was a member of the Chanhassen Planning Commission, where he served as chair for four years. He chairs the board of directors of Wilderness Inquiry, a non-profit organization dedicated to sharing the outdoors with others; is an instrument rated pilot; and participates in wheelchair athletics. Peterson, 50, lives in Chanhassen with his wife, Ellie.

Seventeen people applied for the position. The Metropolitan Council Nominating Committee conducted a public hearing for the position last month. Three applicants withdrew their application prior to the public hearing. Twelve applicants gave a presentation at the hearing. The Nominating Committee recommended two finalists to the Governor. The finalists were Lee Bernick and Craig Peterson.

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Malen, of St. Paul, is a career counselor who works in the field of business and education. She is reappointed as an education member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF) identifies and presents awards to outstanding students, educators, and supporters of education. MAEF provides teachers with educational tools, administers the Education Quality Leadership Academy and offers workshops and training sessions to help school leaders improve school performance. MAEF is governed by a 21 member board of directors that is appointed by the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FIFTEEN TO MINNESOTA ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

**St. Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Steve Bissen, Karen DeLaForest, Keith Downey, Karen Ernst-Graham, Marilyn Jones, Otto Luknic, Thomas Matson, Carla Nelson, David Pinto, Gerald Seppala, and Angela Stotesbery and the reappointment of Jennifer Anderson, Dr. Debra Bowers, Arlene Bush and Melissa Malen to the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation (MAEF).

Bissen, of LaCrescent, is part of the management team at Underdahl Toyota. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Bissen replaces Jane Chronister on the board.

DeLaForest, of Andover, works for the Anoka-Hennepin School District. She is appointed as an education member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. DeLaForest replaces Beverly Sullivan on the board.

Downey, of Edina, is a partner at Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2009. Downey replaces David Schwartzkopf on the board.

Ernst-Graham, of Minneapolis, is a teacher with a masters degree in education from Hamline University. She is appointed as an education member to fulfill a four year term that expires in 2011. Ernst-Grahm replaces Lynette Olson on the board.

Jones, of Minneapolis, holds a Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota and a Masters of Business Administration from Syracuse University. She is appointed as an education member to a four year-term that expires in January, 2012. Jones replaces Harvey Hietala on the board.

Luknic, of Fairbault, is a retired business owner and school teacher. He serves on his local school board, Lions Club and Rice County Historical Society board. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Luknic replaces Francis Connolly on the board.

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Matson, of Edina is seminar leader and trainer with the Gallup Organization and is the former director of development for the Sigma Chi Foundation and Leadership Institute. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2010. Matson replaces Carole Elfstrum on the board.

Nelson, of Rochester, is the owner of an Allstate Agency. She has an extensive background in education, business, and public service. She is a former legislator from the Rochester area. Nelson appointed to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012 and replaces David Jebens on the board.

Pinto, of St. Paul is an attorney with the firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP. He holds a juris doctorate degree and a master of business administration degree from the University of Virginia. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2009. Pinto replaces Gary Floss on the board.

Seppala, of Wayzata is an experienced profit and non-profit fundraiser. He is appointed as a business member to fulfill a four-year term that expires in January, 2011. Sepppala replaces Linda Garrett-Johnson on the board.

Stotesbery, of Eden Prairie, is an assistant director for US Wealth Management. She is appointed as a business member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012. Stotesbery replaces Claudia Fuentes on the board.

Anderson, of Edina, is an attorney with Thiel, Campbell, Gunderson and Anderson, PLLP and serves as the current chair of The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation. She is reappointed as a business member to a term that expires in January, 2011.

Bowers, of St. Louis Park, is the Superintendent of School for the St. Louis Park School District. She is reappointed as an education member to a term that expires in January, 2010.

Bush, of Bloomington, is a retired educator and business person. She is a member of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and is the former president of the Minnesota School Boards Association. She is reappointed as an education member to a term that expires in January, 2011.

Malen, of St. Paul, is a career counselor who works in the field of business and education. She is reappointed as an education member to a four-year term that expires in January, 2012.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO THE CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of David Bennett, Christopher Kolbert and Gary Pedersen to the Clean Water Council.

Bennett, of Burnsville, has a master's degree in engineering from Syracuse University. His professional career began with the design of wastewater treatment plants for the pulp and paper industry. He has developed and designed a number of treatment processes for food processing wastewaters. Bennett currently serves as a board member for the Lake Superior Steelhead Association. He serves as the secretary of the Lake Superior Foundation and is the chair of the Trout and Salmon Stamp Citizen Oversight Committee. Bennett is appointed as the representative of fishing organizations and will serve a two-year term which ends January 5, 2009.

Kolbert, of St. Charles, has a master's degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Kolbert manages a laboratory that specializes in genomic research and is a free-lance outdoor writer. He is a regular columnist for the Rochester Post Bulletin. Kolbert has published a number of scientific publications in the area of microbiology and infectious diseases. Kolbert is a member of the Bluffland Whitetails Association and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. He is appointed as the representative of hunting organizations and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

Pedersen, of Dover, graduated from Rochester Community College with a degree in journalism and mass media. He owned a family dairy farm with his father from 1980 to 1999 and currently is a zoning administrator for 12 townships. Pedersen is the chair of the Olmsted Township Officers and the district director for the Minnesota Associations of Townships. He is appointed as the township representative and will serve a four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

The Clean Water Council was created by the legislature in 2006 to provide advice on how to administer and implement the Clean Water Legacy Act, including making recommendations to the Governor on the appropriation of funds in the Clean Water Legacy Account. The council consists of 23 members, including 19 appointed by the Governor.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS TWO TO BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Steven Brake and Paul FitzSimmons to the Board of Animal Health. Both members are reappointed as representatives of livestock producers to four-year terms ending January 3, 2011.

Brake, of Wilmont, is a cattle and swine producer who has been farming since 1979. He currently farms 1500 acres in Nobles County. He is a member of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association and served as president from 2001 to 2004. Brake formerly served on the Board of Directors of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and currently serves as the Chair of the Nobles County Zoning and Planning Board.

FitzSimmons, of Good Thunder, is a swine producer who has been farming since 1979 and currently owns over 4000 head of sows in Blue Earth County. He is a partner in Protein Sources, LLP, a farm management company in Mapleton. FitzSimmons graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in applied sciences.

The Board of Animal Health oversees numerous voluntary and mandatory programs that focus on controlling and eradicating animal diseases in Minnesota. The Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS BATTISTE TO MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY CITIZENS' BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Barbara Battiste as a public member to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board.

Battiste, of Minneapolis, has 14 years of professional experience in the environmental field. She was on the MPCA staff during the agency's formative years as a geologist and overseer of solid waste and resource recovery permits. Battiste has served on the Metropolitan Council Waste Advisory Committee, the Board of Metropolitan Waste Control Commission and the Workers Compensation Rehabilitation Review Panel. Battiste is the current manager of career exploration program for WomenVenture, a non-profit economic development agency for women. She has a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Saskatchewan.

Battiste is appointed as a public member to the MPCA Citizens' Board to a complete a four-year term that ends January 2, 2010. She replaces Keith Langmo on the board.

The MPCA Citizens' Board considers and makes decisions on varied and complex pollution problems that affect areas of the state. Decisions are intended to achieve a reasonable degree of purity of the water, air and land resources of the state in order to provide for the maximum enjoyment and use of these resources for the welfare of the people. The Citizens' Board consists of the Commissioner of the MPCA and eight members who are appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO EDUCATION COMMSSION OF THE STATES

**Saint Paul** -- Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Commissioner Alice Seagren, Commissioner Susan Heegaard and State Senator Gen Olson as members of the Minnesota delegation to the Education Commission of the States. Governor Pawlenty also announced the appointment of State Representative John Berns to replace former Representative Barb Sykora on the Commission.

Seagren, of Bloomington, is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education. She served six terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. During her tenure in the legislature, Seagren chaired the House Education Finance Committee and was a member of the Education Policy and Education Finance committees. She is a former member of the Bloomington School Board and is a current member of the Normandale Community College Foundation Board.

Heegaard, of St. Paul, is the Commssioner of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. She is a member of the State Higher Education Executive Officers and serves as chair for its Accountability Committee. Heegard is the former policy director for the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. She holds a juris doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.

Olson, of Minnetrista, is the State Senator for District 33. She was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 1982 and is serving in her eighth term. Sen. Olson is the ranking minority member on the Senate Education Policy Committee and the Senate Education Finance Committee. She received a B.S. in Education and an Ed.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Berns, of Wayzata, is the State Representative for District 33B. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2007 and is serving in his first term. Berns is a former felony prosecutor and an attorney in private practice. Berns currently serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Wayzata Fire Department. He previously served as a member of the Wayzata City Council and as a board member for the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District. Rep. Berns replaces Rep. Barb Sykora on the Commission.

The Education Commission of the States is an interstate compact created in 1965 to improve public education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas and experiences among state policymakers and education leaders. A highly-respected national organization, the Commission is headquartered in Denver, Colorado. The Minnesota delegation consists of seven members, including the Governor.

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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO COASTAL COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Dr. Bonnie MacLean, Ph. D., and the reappointment of Jim Linscheid and Stacy Radosevich to the Governor's Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program.

MacLean, of Grand Maris, is a resident of Cook County and serves as a member of the Cook County Local Water Management Advisory Committee. She has a wealth of experience in biology, health and entomology, and is a published author and researcher in those areas. MacLean eared a Ph. D. and a master of science degree in entomology from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and a bachelor of science degree in biology from Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter. MacLean is appointed to fulfill a 3 year term that expires January 5, 2009. She replaces Thomas Spence as a Cook County representative on the council.

Linscheid, of Silver Bay, is a resident of Lake County and serves as a member of the Lake County Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Water Plan Advisory Committee. Linscheid received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Minnesota State University-Mankato and retired in 1995 after over 30 years of service to the Lake Superior School District. Linscheid is reappointed as a Lake County representative to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Radosevich, of Duluth, is a small business owner who was raised in the North Shore of Lake Superior. She is the former development director for the St. Michael's Lakeside School where she continues to serve as a school board member and girls basketball coach. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Radosevich is reappointed as an at-large member to fulfill a three year term that expires January 5, 2009.

The Council on Minnesota's Coastal Program is a component of Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (MLSCP). The Coastal Council is a key part of the mechanism through which MLSCP implements its pass-through grant program. The Coastal Council establishes the program priorities, recommends the projects for funding, reviews the budget, and conducts a biennial review of the Coastal Program. The council consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS TWO TO LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO END POVERTY IN MINNESOTA BY 2020

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Donna Bauer and Michael Hawton to the Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020.

Bauer, of Minneapolis, works for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis where she spearheads special projects for housing and emergency services. She is a member of a number of community organizations that focus on assisting Minnesotans in need including; Project Homeless Connect, Rebuilding Together Twin Cities, and the Community Emergency Response Team. She is the immediate past president of the Minnesota Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster organization. Bauer has a bachelor of arts degree in U.S. studies and political and global studies from George Washington University at Mount Vernon College in Washington, DC.

Hawton, of Minneapolis, has over 12 years of management experience in the retail industry and is a former small business owner. He has worked with the Boy Scouts of America and is an active community and church volunteer. Hawton will graduate from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts degree in political science in December of 2007.

The Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020 combines public and private resources and will work on developing policies and finding ways to end poverty in Minnesota by 2020. The commission will share its recommendations with the state legislature and Governor in December of 2008.

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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Constance Doepke, Lois West Duffy, Brent Hovdestad, and Christine Smalley to the Minnesota Humanities Center Board of Directors. All are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 3, 2011.

Doepke, of Wayzata, is an experienced marketing and merchandising manager. She is a former member of the Wayzata Board of Education where she contributed to the finance and business, and legislative action committees. Doepke is a member of the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce and the Minneapolis Chapter of Fashion Group International, Inc. Doepke holds a bachelor of arts degree in communications arts from Michigan State University.

Duffy, of Rochester, is a communication consultant and former vice president of Ecolab Foundation. She has extensive experience with administering grants to non-profit organizations, public relations, and working with the arts. Duffy is a member of both the Rochester Art Center and Loft for Writers boards of directors. Duffy has a masters degree in public administration from Harvard University.

Hovdestad, of Minneapolis, is a financial consultant currently working as an independent contractor for RBC Dain Rauscher. He is an experienced full service investment broker and certified public accountant. Hovdestad is a former president of Kiwanis International and an alumni member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Hovdestad received his bachelor of arts in accounting, magna cum laude, from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Smalley, of Edina, is an experienced retail buyer and community volunteer. She is a member of the Minneapolis Institute of Art and former member of the Minneapolis Children's Theater board of governors. Smalley earned her bachelor of arts degree in journalism and advertising from the University of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Humanities Center is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Humanities Center fulfills its mission through humanities-based programs including professional development opportunities, early literacy workshops, and bilingual and heritage language programming. The Minnesota Humanities Center is governed by a 30-member board of directors, including six appointed by the Governor.

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### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS WILLIAMS TO VETERANS HOMES BOARD

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Dan J. Williams, Sr. to the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board of Directors.

Williams, of Vadnais Heights, has been president and CEO of Masters, Williams and Associates, an information technology consulting firm, since 2002. From 2001-02, he was North American vice president at ASP Consulting, an international consulting firm headquartered in Vienna, Austria. He is also an ordained minister and the founder of Grace Resurrection Ministries. In 2003, President George W. Bush appointed Williams to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, a \$56 billion government-sponsored enterprise. In 2006, he moved from being vice chair of the board into a transition team position to help run the bank while they went through a hiring process for a new president and CEO. He also serves on the Minnesota Institute of Public Health Board of Directors.

Williams served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 1971-74. Williams attended Minneapolis Community and Technical College, Mankato State University, and Augsburg College with a major in management information systems. Williams, who has been a member of the Veterans Homes Board of Directors since 2003, is reappointed as a public member to another four-year terms that expires January 3, 2011.

The Board of Directors of the Minnesota Veterans Homes oversees management of Minnesota's five state-run veterans homes located in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Luverne, and Fergus Falls. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor.



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## GOVERNOR PAWLENTY REAPPOINTS GUNNERSON TO AREA ONE POTATO RESEARCH AND PROMOTION COUNCIL

**Saint Paul** - Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the reappointment of Charles Gunnerson to the Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council.

Gunnerson, of Ada, owns and operates the Ada Produce Company, a family-owned potato washing and packaging facility in Norman County. He has been active in the potato industry for over 30 years, and has served as Chairman of the Area One Potato Council for 14 years. Gunnerson serves on the Executive Committee of the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association. He was chairman of the Red River Valley Potato Growers Association from 1993 to 1994.

Gunnerson previously served on the National Potato Promotion Board as an appointee of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. He also served as president of the National Potato Council from 1999 to 2000 and the vice president for five years. Gunnerson is reappointed to the Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council for a potato wash plant representative and will serve another four-year term which ends January 3, 2011.

The Area One Potato Research and Promotion Council supports the Minnesota potato industry by providing grants for research and advertising. Area One consists of fourteen counties in Northwest Minnesota, including the counties of: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnomen, Clay, Becker, and Wilkin. The Council consists of seven members, including two appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS FOUR TO MINNESOTA COMMISSION SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Amy Deneen, Jill Rohman, and Dr. Susan Rose and the reappointment of Elise Knopf to the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People.

Deneen, of Goodhue, is an occupational therapist with Fairview Medical Center in Red Wing and works with Minnesota Hands and Voices as a parent mentor for families with deaf and hard of hearing children. She has a bachelor of arts degree in occupational therapy from Inver Hills Community College. Deneen is appointed as the southeast advisory committee member to fulfill a three year term that expires January 5, 2009. She replaces Timothy Jaech on the commission.

Knopf, of Minneapolis, is a program coordinator for the Minnesota Employment Center for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in St. Paul. She holds a master of arts degree in rehabilitation counseling from Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., and a bachelor of arts degree in history and women's studies from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. She is reappointed as an at-large member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010.

Rohman, of Spicer, is a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing students for the New London-Spicer School District. She has over 15 years of experience working with hard of hearing students and families. Rohman has a bachelor of arts degree in deaf education and elementary education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is appointed as the southwest advisory committee member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010. Rohman replaces Peter Rezmerski on the commission.

Rose, of St. Paul, is an associate professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota. In addition to over 40 years of teaching experience, Rose is a published author of a number books and articles in the areas of reading practices, language development, family centered programming for children with hearing loss, and teacher preparation for educators who serve children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Rose has a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Columbus, a master of science degree in the education of the deaf and mental retardation from the University of Kansas, and a bachelor of science degree in speech pathology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rose is appointed as an at-large member to a three year term that expires January 4, 2010. She replaces Cuong Nguyen on the commission.

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The Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing People serves as the principal state agency advocating on behalf of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard-of-hearing Minnesotans and working to ensure they have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others. The commission is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Tamerlee Ruebke and David Sandry, and the reappointment of Kenneth Middlebrooks to the Minnesota Board of Social Work.

Middlebrooks, of Plymouth, is the retired director of production and operational services at the Land O' Lakes Corporation in Arden Hills. He is an active community volunteer and serves on the boards of the Children's Home Society and Family Services, Our Children Our Future of Minnesota, and Simpson Housing Services for the Homeless. Middlebrooks has served one term on the Board of Social Work and is reappointed as a public member for a second four year term that ends January 3, 2011.

Ruebke, of Ada, is a social worker for the Norman County Collaborative working with the Norman County West School system. In addition to her school social work experience, she has over 16 years of experience in child protection and human services. Ruebke is a member of the Minnesota Social Workers Association, Chemical Health Task Force, and Crime Victim Advocate Advisory Board. She holds a bachelor of science degree in social work. Rubke is appointed as a bachelor level social worker to fulfill a term that ends January 4, 2010. She replaces Margaret Khali on the board.

Sandry, of Madison Lake, is the vice president and owner of Flexible Plastics, Inc. in Mankato. In addition to being a small business owner, he is a community volunteer working with the Key City Sertoma Club and Alpha Beta Mu Foundation. He holds a bachelor of science degree in political science from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Sandry is appointed as a public member to serve a four year term that expires January 3, 2011. He replaces Barbara Butts-Williams on the board.

The Minnesota Board of Social Work is responsible for licensing and disciplining social workers. The board is made up of 15 members appointed by the Governor.



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#### GOVERNOR PAWLENTY APPOINTS THREE TO BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

**Saint Paul** – Governor Tim Pawlenty today announced the appointment of Kathy Polhamus, and the reappointment of Kathy Fleischaker and Sandra Marden-Lokken to the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy.

Polhamus, of North Saint Paul, works for Children's Hospitals and Clinics where she is responsible for providing pediatric inpatient clinical reviews. She is a volunteer advocate in the areas of emergency services and support systems for battered women. Polhamus graduated summa cum laude from the University of St. Thomas with a degree in psychology. She is appointed as a public member to fulfill a four year term that expires January 4, 2010 and replaces Jack Schaaf on the board.

Fleischaker, of Eden Prairie, is the director of rehabilitation services at Park Nicollet Health Services in St. Louis Park and is the current president of the State Board of Physical Therapy. She has been a member of the American Physical Therapy Association since 1966 and has over 40 years of experience in the health care industry. In addition to her work with Park Nicollet, Fleischaker serves in an advisory capacity at the College of St. Catharine doctor of physical therapy program. Fleischaker is reappointed as a physical therapist member to a four year term that expires January 3, 2011.

Marden-Lokken, of Duluth, is a licensed physical therapist and assistant professor at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. She has been a member of the American Physical Therapist Association since 1979 and has been a member of the State Board of Physical Therapy for the past two years. Marden-Lokken holds a master of arts degree in management and a bachelor of arts degree in physical therapy from the College of St. Scholastica. She is reappointed as a physical therapist member to a four year term that expires January 3, 2011.

The Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy is responsible for licensing and disciplining physical therapists. The board is made up of nine members appointed by the Governor.