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# Application for the position Judge

## Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Tax Court

**Position:** Judge

## Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Jane Holzer

**Phone:**

**Mailing Address:** 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd St. Paul 55155

**Email:** jane.bowman@state.mn.us

**County:** Ramsey

**Felony Conviction:** No

**Mn House District:** 63A

**US House District:** 5

**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

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## Part III: Appending Documentation

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## Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

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**Race and Natural Origin:** White or Caucasian

**Political Party:** No Answer

**Age:**

**Gender:** Female

**Disability:** No

**Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin:** No

**Veteran:** No Answer

## Part V: Signature

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**Signature:** Jane Holzer

**Date:** 10/1/2019 10:29:15 AM

**AGENCY DETAILS**  
**MEMBER DETAILS**

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Jane Bowman**

245 Minnesota Judicial Center  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
County of Ramsey  
Congressional District 4

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

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**JUDGE OF TAX COURT** President of the Senate

**MINNESOTA TAX COURT**

Effective: January 13, 2020

Term Expires: January 2, 2023

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 7, 2020.



Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: The Honorable Tamar Gronvall

October 1, 2019

Governor Tim Walz  
Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Open Appointment to the Minnesota Tax Court

Dear Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan,

I am applying for appointment to serve on the Minnesota Tax Court because I believe that my unique combination of subject matter expertise and well-documented commitment to public service will enable me to serve the State of Minnesota with distinction as a Tax Court Judge.

For the past eight years, I have served on the Property Team within the Hennepin County Attorney's Office's Civil Division, where I have specialized in tax disputes. I have handled hundreds of tax petitions on behalf of assessors in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, and as a result I have developed a depth of knowledge regarding the matters that regularly come before the Tax Court. In this role, I have taken the lead on several trials before the Tax Court, including several victories for Hennepin County. In addition to tax work, I have worked on other property disputes, including briefing a case to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals with County Attorney Michael Freeman.

I also have extensive experience with real estate law. Before joining the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, I represented homeowners in foreclosure at the Housing Preservation Project, a non-profit dedicated to affordable housing. Indeed, the first lawsuit I ever filed (literally months after I graduated from law school) went to trial – and I won. My client had fallen victim to an equity-stripping scam, shown up at my office, frantic, with a pile of documents she didn't understand. After reviewing the documents, it was clear to me the statute has been violated in a number of ways. Our lawsuit resulted in not only saving our client's home, but paving the way for similar lawsuits.

My commitment to public service is driven by a desire to do what I can to make our communities better for all. Starting in 2008 – during the height of the country's wave of constitutional amendments to ban same-sex marriage – I proudly served on the Board of Directors of Project 515. Our organization was committed to ensuring equal rights for same-sex couples, which culminated in the defeat of the constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and then we pivoted to work with the Legislature to pass a law recognizing same-sex marriages. I am deeply proud of this work, and grateful for the opportunities it gave me to serve.

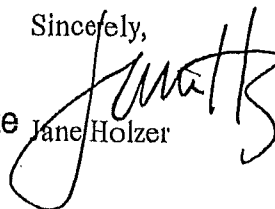
Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing the position and my qualifications with you.

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Sincerely,

President of the Senate Jane Holzer



# Jane N.B. Holzer, Esq.

## EDUCATION

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### **William Mitchel College of Law, St. Paul, MN**

*Juris Doctor*, January 2008

Negotiation Competition, Legal Assistant to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP), CALI Award Recipient, Finalist for the William Mitchell Student of Merit Award, Co-Chair Out!Law

### **Macalester College, St. Paul, MN**

*Bachelor of Arts*, December 2002

Major in Religious Studies, Minor in German Studies, member of the women's rugby team

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### **Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Minneapolis, MN**

*Assistant Hennepin County Attorney*, Fall 2012 – Present

Defend the County in Minnesota Tax Court in property tax matters, including evaluating, litigating, settling, or trying cases from beginning through any appeal. Advocated on behalf of the County in ten tax court trials and four appeals to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Represent the County in eminent domain proceedings, including Commissioners' Hearings and trial.

### **Housing Preservation Project, St. Paul, MN**

*Supervising Attorney*, December 2010 – October 2012

Promoted from Staff Attorney, with additional responsibilities of overseeing attorneys, paralegals, and interns, and making litigation strategy decisions.

*Staff Attorney*, April 2008 – December 2010

Advocate and litigate on behalf of homeowners in foreclosure, including representing class action consumer plaintiffs and first chairing a landmark equity stripping trial. Research, draft and testify on behalf of affordable housing legislation. Regularly speak to groups about foreclosure defense and the housing crisis in Minnesota.

*Assistant Hennepin County Attorney*, April 2011 – July 2012

As a special project of the Housing Preservation Project, prosecute mortgage fraud as a member of the Complex Crimes Division in the Office of the Hennepin County Attorney, including drafting search warrants, analyzing bank and mortgage records, and making charging decisions.

### **Minnesota State Senate, St. Paul, MN**

*Legislative Assistant to State Sen. Sandy Rummel*, December 2006 – September 2007

*Legislative Assistant to State Sen. John Hottinger*, January 2004 – December 2006

*Legislative Assistant to Senate Majority Research*, January 2003 – January 2004

Organized, maintained, and managed the Offices of Senators Hottinger and Rummel, and Senate Majority Research, which included organizing committee meetings, corresponding with constituents, and tracking the Senators' legislation.

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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2008 Supreme Court of Minnesota  
2008 United States District Court, District of Minnesota  
2018 Supreme Court of the United States

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

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Member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Minnesota Rules of Civil Procedure; Member of Northern Lights Racing, a women's amateur bicycle racing team; Former Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and former Chair of the Legislative Committee, Project 515; Co-Founder and former Co-Chair of the Consumer Litigation Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association; multiple ribbons awarded for knitted and woven entries to the Creative Activities competitions at the Minnesota State Fair.

## LECTURES – CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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- 2012 HELP Legal Assistance of Eastern Iowa – *Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Strategies* (Davenport, IA)
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- 2011 Real Property Section, MSBA – *Short Sales and Foreclosures* (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2010 First District Bar Association – *Recent Developments in Foreclosure Defense* (Hastings, MN)
- 2010 Hennepin County Bar Association – *The Current State of the Foreclosure Crisis* (Minneapolis, MN)
- 2010 Federal Diversity Day, the Federal Executive Board of Minnesota – *Changing the 515 Laws that Discriminate Against Same-Sex Couples* (St. Paul, MN)
- 2009 International Municipal Lawyers' Association – *Think Small: Micro-Litigation as a Tool to Fight Blight* (Miami, FL)
- 2009 Clarion Legal – *Step by Step: Legal Rights for Same-Sex Couples* (Eagan, MN)
- 2009 Ramsey County Bar Association – *Helping Homeowners in Foreclosure* (St. Paul, MN)
- 2009 Washington County Bar Association - *Foreclosure in Washington County* (Stillwater, MN)
- 2009 First District Bar Association – *Foreclosure Defense* (Apple Valley, MN)
- 2009 Minnesota Family Law Institute – *How Laws Impact Same-Sex Couples* (St. Paul, MN)

## PUBLICATIONS

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*The Next Wave in the Foreclosure Crisis; the Alt-A Loan*, Hearsay, A Publication of the Minnesota State Bar Association New Lawyers Section, Volume X, No. 2, Winter 2008-09

*Home Affordable Modification Program: Help for Homeowners or Another Dead End?*, Housing Law Bulletin, Volume 39, September 2009, published by the National Housing Law Project

*Advocates Secure Victory for Minnesota Homeowner in Equity Stripping Case*, Housing Law Bulletin, Volume 40, January 2011, published by the Housing Law Project

## AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- 2012 Macalester College Young Alumni Award Recipient
- 2012 Minnesota Lavender Bar Association Equality & Justice Award Recipient
- 2012 Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Award Recipient, Cultural Heritage Category
- 2012 *Minnesota Lawyer's* Up & Coming Attorney Award Recipient
- 2010 One of the National LGBT Bar Association's "Best LGBT Lawyer's Under 40"

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