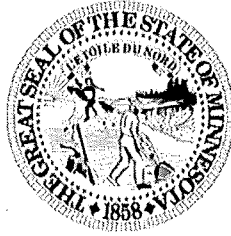


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**Governor Tim Walz**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

**Patricia J. Milun**

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

**JUDGE**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS**

Effective: January 23, 2023

Expires: January 1, 2029

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed January 18, 2023.



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**Tim Walz**  
Governor

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**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

Reappointment

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Over the past 30 years, I have been fortunate to serve in every area of workers' compensation law from being an attorney representing injured workers and employers to serving as the Chief Judge of the Worker's Compensation Court of Appeals (WCCA). I believe I am the first person in the state of Minnesota to have served as a judge at so many levels of the Workers' Compensation system. This experience makes me appreciate how our system fulfills its mission of justice at all levels. I have served as: a settlement judge and chief settlement judge at the Department of Labor and Industry; a compensation judge and administration law judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings; and an appellate chief judge at the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals. My experience and dedication lead me to care deeply about the quality of our justice system and equal access to the courts. I would humbly welcome continuing this important work through a reappointment in 2023.

## EXPERIENCE

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

- Proven track record of being open to all points of view, recognizing any bias or prejudice, and making informed and fair decisions.
- Established public record of written decisions intended to promote consistency and public knowledge about the application of Minnesota workers' compensation laws.
- Successful leadership of the WCCA's digital transformation as part of a uniform data management system that integrates our e-filing technology within the agencies and courts.
- Successful guidance of WCCA's public services from traditional paper-based operations and proceedings to new technology platforms.
- Effective operations management during Covid-19 including initiating a pause in all proceedings; reopening for filing motions, transitioning to Webex for oral arguments and collaborations on written decisions.

### Workers' Compensation and Administration Law Judge | 1998-2011

*State of Minnesota, Office of Administrative Hearings*

- Conducted record hearings, made findings of fact, and applied relevant law on disputed issues in workers compensation cases.
- Heard complaints under the Fair Campaign Practice and Campaign Finance Act in a three judge administrative law panel and collaborated on writing follow-up decisions.

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

- Supervised twelve judges and administration of the Court, including budget preparation and key legislation tracking.

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

- Evaluated worker's compensation claims.
- Conducted settlement and administrative conferences and hearings.
- Made judicial determinations and issued orders involving procedure and substantive issues in workers' compensation claims.

**Workers' Compensation Trial Attorney | 1987-1992**  
*Larsen, Heck, Klimek & Powell*

- Responsible for a case load of over one-hundred litigation workers' compensation cases.
- In charge of discovery, investigation, medical work-up, negotiations, settlement conferences, pretrial, trial, and appellate work on each case.

**EDUCATION**

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**William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota**  
Degree Conferred: Juris Doctor, 1985  
Activities: Law Review

**College of St. Benedict's, St. Joseph, Minnesota**  
Degree Conferred: B.A., 1981  
Major: Political Science  
SJU Honors Student

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LICENSES**

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- Admitted to practice law in the State of Minnesota
- Formerly admitted to practice law before the federal courts
- Co-chairperson Workers' Compensation Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association, 1995-1998
- Past Memberships
  - Minnesota State Bar Association
  - Dakota County Bar Association
  - Ramsey County Bar Association
  - Minnesota Women Lawyers
  - Hennepin County Bar Association

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

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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### *Present*

- University of St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Externship Program, 2015 -
- Summer Internship Program for undergraduate at the U of Minnesota and St. Thomas, 2016 -
- Minnesota State University, Mankato, Customer Experience Certificate Program Advisory Panel, 2021-
- Meals on Wheels Volunteer, 2021 -
- Created "Judge for a Day" interactive program for Girl Scouts of America local troops, 2016-
- Presenter at the MN Department of Labor and Industry Workers' Compensation Summit, 2017, 2022
- Roundtable guest at WCAC (Work Compensation Advisory Council), 2016 -
- Direct Mentor for University of Minnesota Undergrad Internship Program, 2016 -

### *Previous*

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

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## Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Workers' Compensation Court Of Appeals  
**Position:** Judge

## Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Patricia Milun  
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55155-150  
**Email:** patty.milun@state.mn.us  
**County:** Dakota  
**Felony Conviction:** No  
**Mn House District:** 52B  
**US House District:** 2  
**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** True

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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:** Other

**Age:**

**Gender:** Female

**Disability:** No

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

**Veteran:** No Answer

## Part V: Signature

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**Signature:** Patricia Milun

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