



Qualifications & Interest Statement

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Date: May 13, 2009

Name of Board: Minnesota State Bar Foundation

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Brief Resume/Qualifications (you may submit a 1-2 page resume): Please refer to my resume that I have attached.

Statement of Interest: I am interested in serving on the Minnesota State Bar Foundation because (1) it coincides and complements my interest in incubating and fostering new, innovative programs and; (2) it supports and furthers my commitment to serving the public.

I studied business as an undergraduate student. Between college and law school, I worked as the director of the Cook County Economic Development Authority located in Grand Marais, Minnesota. In my capacity as director of development, I had the opportunity to grow business ideas and foster their development. I also worked on joint projects involving both public and private interests.

My employment with the Anoka County Attorney's Office has provided me additional opportunities to create new programs from the inception of an idea to implementation. For example, I helped develop and start a collaborative program between our local women's shelter, the bench, the County Attorney's Office and court administration regarding legal representation in Orders for Protection. I also serve as a member of the steering committee for Anoka County's pilot program for Early Case Management and Early Neutral Evaluation, and have worked for the last year to develop the program and make it accessible for all residents, despite income level.

The common theme throughout my career and life choices has been serving the public. This is apparent by reviewing my career path and my history of volunteer work. I believe strongly in giving back to the community. I am energized by being involved in new programs and facilitating projects to a successful conclusion. My skills, experience and interests align well with the stated goals of the Minnesota State Bar Foundation and I believe I would serve the Foundation well.

Have you ever been subject to public or private disciplinary action by the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board? Yes No If YES, attach an explanation.

Signature Bethany Lindberg

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EMPLOYMENT

- Sept. 2005 Division Chief Attorney, Family Law, Anoka County Attorney's Office*
Supervise the family law division comprised of over 30 employees. Oversee daily management functions, determine policy and implement procedures. The family law division is responsible for representing the public authority in all cases involving paternity actions, child support enforcement actions, child support establishment and modification actions. I also serve as the liaison with other governmental agencies, including court administration, the Office of Child Support and the state Department of Human Services. In addition to management responsibilities, I also perform case specific functions, draft pleadings and participate in court hearings.
- 2000-2005 Unit Chief Attorney, Expedited Child Support, Anoka County Attorney's Office*
Supervised the unit that worked chiefly in the Expedited Child Support Process. Handled much of the same management functions, but on a smaller scale. The functions of the Expedited Child Support Process team included child support establishment, modification and enforcement through child support magistrates.
- 1999-2000 Assistant Anoka County Attorney*
Represented the public authority in all respects through pleadings, court appearances, appellate work and negotiations. Worked closely with the Office of Child Support regarding child support actions. Developed the Expedited Child Support program after the program was mandated by legislation in 1999.
- 1997-1999 Attorney, Swanson Law Firm, Grand Marais, Minnesota*
General private practice, including: real estate, other property law, family law, zoning, estate planning, probate, civil law and some criminal defense. Also court appointed guardian ad litem, conservatorships, and commitments.
- 1995-1996 Law Clerk, Gilsdorf & Associates, Saint Paul, Minnesota*
Conducted legal research, drafted pleadings, wrote legal memorandum, prepared pleadings, wills, and letters. Interviewed clients.
- 1990-1994 Director, Cook County / Grand Marais Economic Development Authority*
Consultant for small businesses on budgets, business retention, business planning; advocated development consistent with the community comprehensive plan; represented the county interest in regional economic development efforts; coordinated local lobbying and networking efforts with legislative representatives.

EDUCATION

- 1994-1997* Juris Doctor, University of Minnesota
1985-1989 Bachelor of Science, Mankato State University
1983-1985 Associate Arts, Rochester Community College

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

Chair of the 21st District Ethics Committee, serving the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility
Secretary, Anoka County Bar Association
Presenter for Continuing Legal Education seminars on child support issues & legal ethics
Member of the Alexandra House Order for Protection Project Committee and the HOPE Gala Committ.
Member of the Anoka County Early Neutral Evaluation Steering Committee
Volunteer for Project Homeless Connect
Board member of the Northern Symphony Orchestra
Cum laude graduate from University of Minnesota Law School, received the Wennerstrom Award