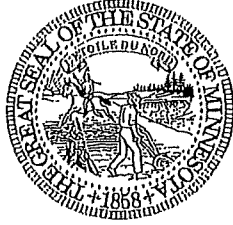


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GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

George Soule

4241 East Lake Harriet Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55409
County of Hennepin
Congressional District 5

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:

TRUSTEE MEMBER

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BOARD
OF TRUSTEES**

Effective: July 15, 2018
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.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 Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, July 10, 2018.



Mark Dayton

Governor

Steve Pimm

Secretary of State

Secretary of State

Reappointment

Application for the position Member At-large

Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Board Of Trustees Of The Minnesota State Colleges And Universities System
Position: Member At-large

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: George William Soule
Phone: (612) 251-5518
Mailing Address: 4241 East Lake Harriet Pkwy. Minneapolis 55409
Email: gsoule@soulestull.com
County: Hennepin
Mn House District: 61B
US House District: 5
Recommended by the Appointing Authority: False

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Gender: Male
Disability: No
Age: 62
Political Affiliation: Other
Ethnicity: American Indian or Alaska Native Caucasian
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No

Part V: Signature

Signature: George W. Soule
Date: 4/30/2018 10:34:03 AM

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George W. Soule
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Governor Mark Dayton
Office of the Governor
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St. Paul, MN 55155

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Re: Application for re-appointment to Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System

Dear Governor Dayton:

Thank you for considering my application for re-appointment as an At-Large Member of the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board in the last 13 months. I am still learning about the system every day, but I think I have made contributions as a Board Member. I now serve as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. I have good attendance at Board meetings and hopefully I am asking good questions. I have participated in several activities between Board meetings, including interviews of candidates for Chancellor and college president, student organization scholarship fundraisers, and university and college commencements.

Before appointment to the Board, I served as Chair of the Minnesota State Chancellor Search Advisory Committee. Our 19-member committee screened applications, interviewed candidates, and forwarded names to the Chair of the Board of Trustees. It was a great experience for me; I met many capable and interesting people and enjoyed participating in a collaborative process to identify the best candidates to lead the System.

As a proud alumnus of Moorhead State University (now Minnesota State University Moorhead), I am active in supporting the University and its students. I served for several years as a member of the Alumni Foundation Board. I started and financially support a scholarship program for American Indian students at MSUM.

I am by training and experience a trial lawyer. I have tried over 60 civil cases in 19 states, managed national litigation for clients, worked as managing partner of law firms, and served in leadership

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positions in bar organizations. My favorite part of being a lawyer is mentoring law students and young lawyers.

Serving my community has been one of my passions my entire career. I have held several Minnesota leadership positions and served on non-profit boards. Most notably, I served as Chair of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection under Governor Ventura. I have served as chair of several other organizations, including the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, the Civil Litigation Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation.

I am a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe; my mother grew up on the Reservation. I am a Justice on the White Earth Tribal Court of Appeals, and I travel to the Reservation quarterly to hear appeals. I also serve as a Court of Appeals Judge for three other Minnesota Tribes: Prairie Island Indian Community, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Lower Sioux Indian Community. As noted, I have been active in the Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, and I serve on the Board of the Division of Indian Work in Minneapolis.

As a strong proponent of diversity in the legal profession, I have advocated hiring minority lawyers in my law firms and in the community, and I worked for the appointment of minority lawyers as judges. I serve on the Board of the Infinity Project, which promotes gender equity on the bench.

I am by nature collaborative and constructive. I believe that all voices should be heard and decision-makers should work together toward common goals.

If re-appointed, I would continue to strive to serve the best interests of the students in our state colleges and universities. I would work to make an affordable education available to prepare students for good jobs and to be good citizens. Promoting opportunities for American Indian and other minority students is especially important to me. I would like students to have the same opportunity for success that I had as a result of my state university education.

Thank you for considering my application for this important position.

Respectfully yours,

George W. Soule

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SOULE & STULL LLC, Minneapolis; Founding Partner, Civil Trial Lawyer, 2014-

BOWMAN AND BROOKE LLP, Minneapolis; Founding Partner, Civil Trial Lawyer, 1985-2014,
Managing Partner (Minneapolis office), 1996-1998, 2002-2004, 2007-10

WHITE EARTH TRIBAL COURT OF APPEALS, Judge, 2012-

PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT OF APPEALS, Judge, 2016-

FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA COURT OF APPEALS, Judge,
2017-

LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT OF APPEALS, Judge, 2017 -

GRAY, PLANT, MOOTY, MOOTY & BENNETT, Minneapolis; Associate, 1979-1985

Tried cases in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana,
Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, Nebraska,
Colorado, Arizona, California, Montana, Washington

Qualified neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1979
Editor, Harvard Law Review, Volume 92

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MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY, Moorhead, Minnesota
B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976, with Majors in Political Science and Economics

LEGAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Minnesota State Bar Association

- Chair, Implementation Committee, Judicial Elections Task Force, 1998
- Member, Judicial Selection Conference Committee, 2001
- Co-Chair, Judicial Elections Task Force, 1997
- Governing Council, Civil Litigation Section, 1989-1999 (Co-Chair, Pro Bono Project, 1989-1991; Co-Chair, Civil Discovery Task Force, 1991-1992; Treasurer, 1992-1993; Vice-Chair, 1993-1994; Chair, 1994-1995)
- Member, Judicial Merit Selection Committee, 1987
- Counsel to Minnesota State Bar Association in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. Kelly* in Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court
- Member, Task Force on Diversity in the Profession, 2005-2006

Minnesota American Indian Bar Association

- Member, Board of Directors, 2003-2008
- President, 2004-2006
- Treasurer, 2007-2008

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

- Associate, 2003-
- Minnesota Chapter: Secretary, 2011; Treasurer, 2012; Vice-President, 2013; President, 2014; Past President, 2015
- National Board Representative, 2017-

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, 2005-

International Society of Barristers, Fellow, 2015-

Visiting Lecturer of Law, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, August 1992

Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection, Chair, 1999-2003, Vice-Chair, 1992-1999

Governor's Committee for Minnesota Court of Appeals Appointments

- 1991 (First District vacancy) (Co-Chair)
- 1992 (Chief Judge vacancy) (Co-Chair)
- 1995 (Statewide vacancy)
- 2000 (Statewide vacancies)(Chair)
- 2002 (Second District vacancy)(Chair)
- 2002 (Statewide vacancy)(Chair)

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Chair, Governor's Committee for Minnesota Supreme Court appointments, ^{JUL 11 2002}2002

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Member, Minnesota Commission for the Preservation of an Impartial Judiciary (Quie Commission), 2006-07

Mentor, University of St. Thomas Law School, 2003-present

Volunteer Attorney, Family Law Project, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, 1991-2008

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Board of Trustees, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, 2017-2018

Chair, Minnesota State Chancellor Search Advisory Committee, 2016-2017

Board of Directors, Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation, 1998-2004, 2014-2017

Board of Directors, Division of Indian Work, 2014-

Board of Directors, Infinity Project, 2009-

Board of Directors, Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation, Member 2008-2014, Chair 2010-2013

Secretary General, Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference, Minnesota State University Moorhead, April 18-21, 2002

Capital Campaign Committee, The Green Institute, 1999-2000

Minnesota Compensation Council, Minnesota Supreme Court appointee, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001

Board of Visitors, Moorhead State University, 1984-1990

Class Agent and Member of Minnesota Committee, Harvard Law School Fund, 1985-1988, 2004-2009

HONORS AND AWARDS

Sheriff's Award of Merit, Hennepin County Sheriff Richard Stanek, October 2012

2013 Minneapolis Product Liability Litigation - Defendants' Lawyer of the Year, *Best Lawyers*

The Best Lawyers in America, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

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Burton Award for Legal Writing, 2007

Distinguished Alumni Award, Minnesota State University Moorhead, October 2005

Advocate's Award, Civil Litigation Section, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2003

Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 1999, 2012

Selected "Super Lawyer," 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 (selected as one of top 100 lawyers statewide), 2002 (selected as one of top 40 Personal Injury Lawyers), 2003 (top 100), 2004 (top 100), 2005 (top 100), 2006 (top 100), 2007, 2008 (top 100), 2009 (top 100), 2010 (top 100), 2011 (top 100), 2012 (top 100), 2013, 2014, 2015 (top 100), 2016, 2017, 2018

Professionalism Award, Hennepin County Bar Association, 1997

Howard Lysne 1993 Business and Economics Alumni Achievement Award, Moorhead State University

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