



# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

130 State Capitol ♦ 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard ♦ Saint Paul, MN 55155

March 12, 2010

The Honorable Mark Ritchie  
Secretary of State  
174 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155



Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from the Honorable Eric J. Magnuson, Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, stepping down from that position on June 30, 2010. This letter provides notification of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court effective at the close of business on Wednesday, June 30, 2010:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty  
Governor

Enclosure

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THE SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA  
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ERIC J. MAGNUSON  
CHIEF JUSTICE

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March 11, 2010

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty  
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State of Minnesota  
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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Pawlenty:

It has been my privilege to serve as Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court for the past two years. I have found the position to be both challenging and rewarding. However, for reasons personal to me and my family, I have decided to step down and return to private practice. My last date of service will be June 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Magnuson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Eric J. Magnuson  
Chief Justice

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cc: Associate Justice Alan C. Page  
Associate Justice Paul H. Anderson  
Associate Justice Helen M. Meyer  
Associate Justice G. Barry Anderson  
Associate Justice Lorie S. Gildea  
Associate Justice Christopher J. Dietzen