

Presenter Bios: 2021 Rulemaking Seminar

Jenny Starr is the chief administrative law judge of the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings, appointed by Governor Walz on September 3, 2019, to serve a six-year term. Prior to her chief ALJ appointment, she was the assistant commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Other significant work history includes providing free legal services to low-income families at Legal Assistance of Dakota County, clerking at the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and teaching as an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline College of Law. Starr graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School, and summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts.

Jacqueline Cavanaugh is a management analyst with the Minnesota Department of Health. She started working for MDH as a legislative liaison and for the past six years, she has been working as a rules and policy analyst in the Environmental Health Division. Before that, she also worked on rules and legislation for the Department of Public Safety's Driver and Vehicle Services Division and started her career working as an analyst in the Office of Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis. Jacqueline graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in political science and French and received a master's in public administration from Hamline University.

Darlene Zangara is the executive director of the Minnesota Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing. Darlene has a Bachelor of Science in Deaf Education from Bowling Green State University, a Master of Arts in Counseling with the Deaf from Gallaudet University, and a Doctor of Philosophy, Leadership and Change from Antioch University. During her career, Darlene has served as a director or executive director for several other organizations including DeafLink - The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Network Center, funded by the Ohio Department of Drugs and Alcohol Services, and the State of Minnesota's Olmstead Implementation Office.

Lolly Lijewski is the digital accessibility coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. She has been a screen reader user for more than 40 years. Before becoming the DHS accessibility coordinator, she worked in Disability Services on the Pathways to Employment infrastructure grant project.

Jason Kuenle is an attorney with the Revisor of Statutes since 2008. Following eight years of drafting in the education portfolio, his duties now include presenting on drafting standards, managing the indexes for Revisor publications, and drafting in higher education, state pensions, and estates and trusts. He received his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis, where he earned the Samuel M. Breckenridge Book Award for Excellence in Legal Writing and was selected to the Order of the Barristers.

Claudia Hochstein is a Rule Coordinator at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. She served as the rule coordinator for the Water Quality Standards – Class 3 & 4 Rule Project. Prior to joining the Rules Unit, Claudia was leading legislative work for the Minnesota Zoo. She's also worked at the Environmental Quality Board and started her state career in MPCA's Stormwater Program. Claudia is a graduate of the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, where she double majored in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management; and Latin.

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Anna Hotz has been with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency since 2005. She held various roles in water quality and waste management before becoming supervisor of the Agency Rules Unit in 2019. Anna graduated from Lake Superior State University, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, with degrees in Environmental Science and Chemical Technology.

Katie Izzo attended Macalester College where she studied English and Communications. Katie worked as a professional editor for a continuing medical education journal prior to joining the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as a rule coordinator. Katie had led the rulemaking efforts on multiple projects since joining the MCPA in 2014; most recently she served as rule coordinator for Clean Cars Minnesota, a rulemaking project that received over 10,000 public comments.