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Along for the Ride: Engaging the Public throughout the Rulemaking Process

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Jenny Starr has served as the Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings since her gubernatorial appointment in 2019. Prior to her appointment, Chief Judge Starr served as Assistant Commissioner for 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. Chief Judge Starr is an Executive Committee Member of the National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary, Judicial Division, American Bar Association. She is also a past chair and current member of the Minnesota Lavender Bar Association, and former secretary of the National LGBT Bar Association. Chief Judge Starr graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School, and summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts.

Brittany Wysokinski is an attorney with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. Prior to joining the Department in the Spring of 2021, she worked as an attorney for the United States Postal Service in Washington, D.C, providing advice primarily in the areas of government ethics and the Freedom of Information Act. She received her law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, double majoring in History and Anthropology.

Michelle Hersh Vaught has been the Rulemaking Specialist at the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) since 2018, during which she has supported two rule chapter overhauls. Before that, she was a policy analyst at the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Office of the Inspector General. Michelle received her law degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 2014.

Ian Lewenstein has spent his entire career in state government, specializing in legal drafting and rulemaking. He has worked for the Revisor's Office and several state agencies, helping to write regulations in plain language. Lewenstein works for the Bureau of Mediation Services as a program administrator and advocates for plain language in his free time by serving on the board of the Center for Plain Language and by contributing to various publications including the *Michigan Bar Journal*'s Plain Language column, *Bench & Bar of Minnesota*, and more.

Vanessa Vogl has been the Rulemaking Attorney at the Minnesota Department of Human Services since 2016. During this time she has completed a variety of rulemakings: large rule overhauls, small but significant rule updates, obsolete rule repeals, and good cause exempt rulemakings. Vanessa has presented CLEs about various aspects of rulemaking, and is particularly interested in how rulemaking can promote equity. Prior to Rulemaking Attorney, she was a Staff Attorney in the Health Care Administration at DHS, the Benefits Counseling Coordinator at the Minnesota AIDS Project, and a Judicial Law Clerk at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She received her law degree from Hamline University School of Law in 2009.

Jason Kuenle has been an attorney with the Revisor of Statutes since 2008. He is now an Assistant Deputy Revisor and his duties include managing the production of Revisor publications, supervising the publication indexes, presenting on drafting standards, and drafting in higher education, elections, administrative law, and data practices. 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.

Amanda Jarrett Smith is the Climate Unit Supervisor at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. She has spent the majority of her time at MPCA working on air policy issues. And, Amanda served as the technical expert and coordinated the Clean Cars Minnesota rulemaking team.

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Maggie Wenger has worked as an Air Policy Planner for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for three years. She works on air toxics risk reduction at facilities, rulemaking, and public engagement for air and climate efforts. Prior to joining the MPCA, Maggie worked on climate adaptation projects for seven years in the San Francisco area. She has a Master's degree in environmental policy from the University of Michigan.

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