



Candidate: Valerie Moehle Umholtz

Tenth Judicial Circuit, Vespa Vacancy

Resume

Valerie Moehle Umholtz of Moehle, Swearingen & Umholtz, Ltd., graduated from the University of Illinois, B.S. Finance (High Honors) and Northern Illinois University, J.D. (Summa Cum Laude) where she was first in her class, a Law Review editor and recipient of academic awards and the Women Student Leader Award. She served as a law clerk to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Benjamin K. Miller before joining her father and uncle at Moehle, Swearingen & Associates, Ltd. in Tazewell County. She is now a partner at the firm, where she has both a civil litigation and office practice. She is a Special Assistant Attorney General for eminent domain matters. Valerie has lectured and published on eminent domain and has lectured on civil practice and real estate. Her practice areas encompass real estate and real estate litigation, including foreclosure, eminent domain, evictions, boundary disputes, trespass, assessment protests, adverse possession, quiet title, construction, warranty and mechanic's lien. She also practices in the area of wills, estates and probate (including litigation), guardianship, general business and corporate, and general civil litigation and office practice, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. Her appellate practice includes cases of first impression in both the Appellate and Supreme Court of Illinois. She has appeared before the Industrial Commission and hearing officers of state agencies and has served as a hearing officer for school district student disciplinary hearings and federally subsidized housing complexes. She represents a drainage district and is former corporation counsel for the City of Pekin. While her current practice does not include any criminal or traffic cases, she worked in these areas as Justice Miller's law clerk and handled traffic and ordinance violation cases for the City of Pekin,

Her law related activities include: Board of Visitors, NIU College of Law (former Chairperson); Tazewell County Bar Association (former President), Illinois State Bar Association (former member General Practice Section Council); Abraham Lincoln Inn of Court (former President); Prairie State Pro Bono Volunteer; Attorneys Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. Member Services Committee.

Her current community service activities include: Community Foundation of Central Illinois (Chairman of the Board); Save James Field (Co-Chair); Lakeview Museum (Board Member). In 2009 Valerie assisted in organizing an "Opportunity Expo" for the unemployed to market their skills and a "Fix My Mortgage" workshop to provide free mortgage modification assistance. She just completed 3 years of service as Chair of the Administrative Board of her church where she is a certified lay speaker and teaches junior high Sunday school.

Her community service and involvement has included coaching her children's sports and Destination Imagination teams, volunteering and dancing with the Peoria Ballet and participation in many community organizations, boards and activities. Valerie was one of the founding board members of the Pekin Coalition for Equality and her activities with that organization led to her receiving the "One Imperative" Award from the Pekin YWCA for her

assistance in creating a program for persons convicted of hate crimes. She served on the Pekin District 108 School Board and the Jefferson School Leadership Team.

Valerie is married to Stewart Umholtz, who serves as Tazewell County State's Attorney; they reside in Pekin and have three children.