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March 24, 2021

Via Email (ITT.TaxTribunal@illinois.gov)

Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal
160 N. LaSalle Street Room N506
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Re: U.S. Bancorp & Subs. v. Ill. Dep't of Revenue
Nos. 21TT22 & 21TT23
Notice of Appearance and Rule 707 Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to this letter, I am appearing on behalf of U.S. Bancorp & Subsidiaries in the above referenced matters. I have filed to be admitted *pro hac vice* with the Illinois Attorney Records and Disciplinary Committee on March 24, 2021 pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 707. Also enclosed are the Verified Statement and Certificates of Good Standing for the States of Minnesota and New York.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole L. Johnson

Enclosures

cc (w/ encls.): Illinois Department of Revenue
Andrew Schrag
Craig B. Fields

IN THE ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TAX TRIBUNAL

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U.S. BANCORP & SUBSIDIARIES,)	No. 21TT22
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	
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Verified Statement of Out-of-State Attorney Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 707

I, Nicole Lynn Johnson, submit this Verified Statement pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 707.

1. My full name is Nicole Lynn Johnson, and my date of birth is December 26, 1979. The address of the offices from which I practice law and related email address and telephone number are as follows:


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2. I represent U.S. Bancorp and Subsidiaries in the matter of U.S. Bancorp & Subsidiaries v. The Illinois Department of Revenue in the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal (21TT22).
- 3(a). I have not previously filed any other appearance pursuant to this rule during this calendar year. Simultaneously with the filing of this Verified Statement, I am also filing a Verified Statement pursuant to this rule in a related matter, U.S. Bancorp & Subsidiaries v. The Illinois Department of Revenue in the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal (21TT23).
- 3(b). I have not received a registration number from the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (“ARDC”).
- 4(a). I list each jurisdiction of admission, including any state, territory, or commonwealth of the United States, the District of Columbia, or in a foreign country, and my full admission name and license number as follows:
 1. Minnesota; Nicole Lynn Johnson; 033716X
 2. New York; Nicole Lynn Johnson; 4889945

- 4(b). I attach a letter or certificate of good standing for each of the jurisdictions listed in paragraph 4(a) above.
5. I have no office or other presence in Illinois for the practice of law.
6. I submit to the disciplinary authority of the Supreme Court of Illinois.
7. I have undertaken to become familiar with and to comply, as if admitted to practice in Illinois, with the rules of the Supreme Court of Illinois, including the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and the Supreme Court Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys, and other Illinois law and practices that pertain to the proceeding.
8. The full name, business address, and ARDC number of the Illinois attorney with whom I have associated in the matter is:
- Andrew Schrag
444 West Lake Street, Suite 1650
Chicago, IL 60606
ARDC: 6306943
9. I certify that I have served this Statement upon Andrew Schrag, U.S. Bancorp & Subsidiaries, the Illinois Department of Revenue, and the ARDC and that these parties are all entitled to service under this rule.

Verification

I verify the accuracy and completeness of each of the above statements.



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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

Certificate of Good Standing

This is to certify that the following lawyer is in good standing.

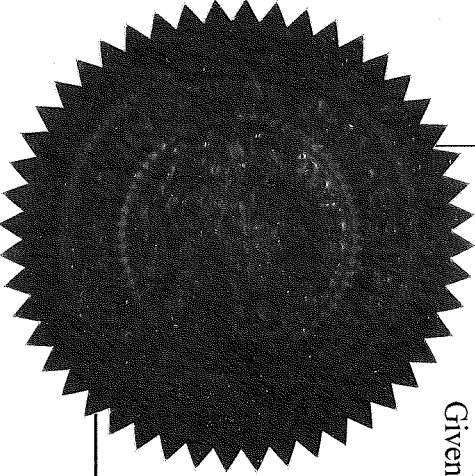
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was duly admitted to practice as a lawyer and counselor at law in all the courts of this state on

October 29, 2004

Given under my hand and seal of this court on

February 22, 2021



Emily J. Eschweiler

Emily J. Eschweiler, Director
Office of Lawyer Registration



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
First Judicial Department*

I, Susanna M. Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, do hereby certify that

Nicole Lynn Johnson

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on **February 9, 2011**, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Administration Office of the Courts, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of New York on March 5, 2021.



Susanna M. Rojas

Clerk of the Court

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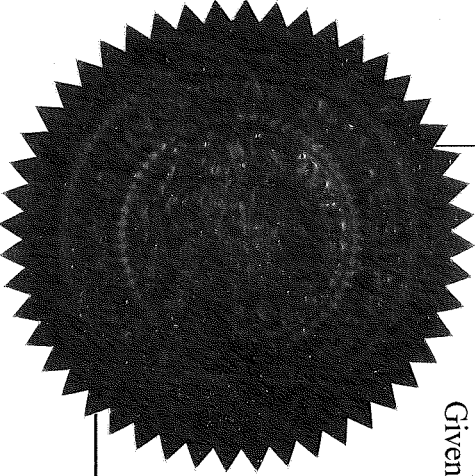
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Undersigned counsel hereby certifies that he caused a copy of the foregoing Verified Statements of Out-of-State Attorney Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 707, and all attachments thereto, to be served on the following, addressed as follows:

Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission (by electronic mail)
Rule707@iardc.org

Illinois Department of Revenue (by FedEx Delivery)
Office of Legal Services
100 W. Randolph St., 7-900 (7th floor of the Thompson Center)
Chicago, IL 60601

Illinois Tax Tribunal (by electronic mail)
ITT.TaxTribunal@illinois.gov

Thomas Wolden (by electronic mail)
Thomas.wolden@usbank.com
U.S. Bancorp & Subsidiaries

/s/ Andrew Schrag
Andrew Schrag