



Minnesota
State Bar
Association

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Re: SF199

Senate Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Members:

The Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA) is a voluntary professional association representing 13,000 attorneys statewide. The MSBA supports Chair Latz's proposal in SF199 to prohibit fees for viewing or downloading court records available online. The Judicial Branch has designed a well-functioning, user-friendly online records system, and we urge the Legislature to give members of the public free access to online court records, which will increase accessibility and transparency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Lake", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bryan Lake, MSBA lobbyist