


In The Matter Of The Application Of The
Honorable Oscar R. Knutson, Chief Justice
Of The Supreme Court Of Minnesota, For
Retirement Under And Pursuant To The
Provisions Of Minnesota Statutes, 490.025.

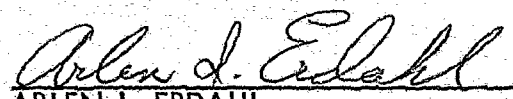
WHEREAS, The Honorable Oscar R. Knutson, Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court of Minnesota, has heretofore, on December 13, 1973, filed with the undersigned
Governor of the State of Minnesota a written application for his retirement, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Governor of the State of Minnesota has determined
that said Chief Justice Oscar R. Knutson is eligible for retirement,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of
Minnesota, acting pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 490.025, do
hereby order and direct the retirement of The Honorable Oscar R. Knutson, Chief
Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, effective midnight, December 17, 1973,
and do further direct that this order be filed in the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of Minnesota and that said Oscar R. Knutson shall be entitled, from
and after December 18, 1973, to retirement compensation as provided under the
provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 490.025, Subdivision 2.

Dated at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 14th
day of December, 1973.

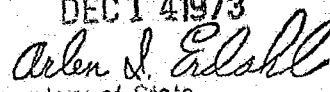

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OSCAR R. KNUTSON
CHIEF JUSTICE

December 13, 1973

The Honorable Wendell R. Anderson
Governor of Minnesota
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Anderson:

Last March I submitted to you my request to be retired as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court under Minnesota Statutes, Section 490.025. At that time it was not possible to fix an effective date for my retirement. You announced that Robert J. Sheran would be appointed in my place. He is now ready to take over on December 18. I therefore request that my retirement be effective at the end of December 17, 1973.

For the sake of the record, and in order to establish my retirement, I give you these facts: I was born October 9, 1899, so I am now 74 years old. I was appointed Judge of the District Court of the former Fourteenth Judicial District on January 2, 1941. I was elected to that position in 1942. I resigned in order to accept an appointment as an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court on May 10, 1948. I was elected to that position in 1948, 1954, and 1960. I resigned from that position to accept an appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on January 20, 1962, and was elected to that position in 1964 and 1970. As a consequence, I will have served as Judge of the District Court and Associate or Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for almost 33 years.

Governor Anderson

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December 13, 1973

The statute under which I submit my retirement requires your written order directing my retirement. I believe it has been customary to file a copy of the retiring judge's request and your order with the Secretary of State. I enclose an additional copy of this letter which you may use for that purpose.

In stepping down from this position I want to assure you that I have enjoyed working with you on the Pardon Board and in other capacities. I also want to express to you my appreciation for the appointments you have made to this court, including Mr. Sheran who will take my place. They are all men of ability and are devoted to the performance of the duties inherent in their positions.

Sincerely yours,



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