

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HENNEPIN COUNTY COURTS  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CHAMBERS OF  
ROBERT A. FORSYTHE  
CHIEF JUDGE  
DISTRICT COURT  
FAMILY COURT  
JUVENILE COURT  
PROBATE COURT  
MUNICIPAL COURT  
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March 19, 1986

Ms. Joan Growe  
Secretary of State  
180 State Office Building  
435 Park Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Dear Secretary Growe:

Enclosed please find a Court Unification Plan for the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota.

This plan has been adopted by a majority of judges on both the District Court and Municipal Court of the Fourth Judicial District.


Also enclosed are the resolutions to adopt the plan passed by both benches.

These documents are sent to you to certify to the secretary of state of the intention to reorganize the trial courts by a majority of the district judges and a majority of the county judges of the Fourth Judicial District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 487.191.

A seniority list of judges as of March 18, 1986 is also enclosed.

If anything further is needed so that we are in total compliance with Minnesota laws, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert A. Forsythe  
Chief Judge

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Enclosures

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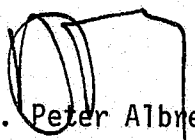
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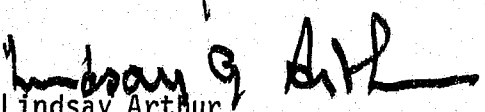
1. Special Assignments for at least one year.
  - Family Division . . . . . 2 Judges
  - Juvenile Division . . . . . 2 Judges
  - Probate Division . . . . . 1 Judge
  - Civil Commitment Division . . . . . 1 Judge
2. The Chief Judge will be assigned hearings consistent with the function of the office.
3. The Court will be divided into three additional Divisions:
  - Civil Consisting of large civil cases, small civil cases, Conciliation appeals, and unlawful detainers. At least the large civil cases will be managed by Individual Block Assignment.
  - Criminal Consisting of felonies, traffic, and other misdemeanors, except those heard in the Suburban Division.
  - Suburban Consisting of all cases heard in the Suburban Division.
4. At the inception of the plan,
  - a. District Judges may elect to serve as needed in:
    1. All Divisions
    2. Civil and Criminal
    3. Civil and Criminal (Felonies only)
  - b. Municipal Judges may elect to serve as needed in:
    1. All Divisions
    2. Suburban and Criminal
    3. Suburban and Criminal (except Felonies)
  - c. New Judges will be assigned to serve as needed in all Divisions
  - d. No Judge will be removed from the assignment so elected prior to January 1, 1998, after which date all Judges will be available for all assignments.
  - e. Judges may at any time elect to serve as needed in all Divisions
  - f. Judges returning from Special Assignment may return to their previous assignment if such had been elected pursuant to this Plan, or may elect an assignment pursuant to this Plan.
5. No Judge will be removed from her or his present chambers. If chambers become available they may be claimed on the basis of seniority first by the present District Court Judges then by present Municipal Court Judges, then by new Judges in order of assuming office.
6. No Judge shall lose any current staff position.
7. Unification will be effective upon approval of this Plan. Assignments will become effective as soon as possible. Seniority for all purposes under this Plan will be determined by seniority on the date when this Plan is approved.

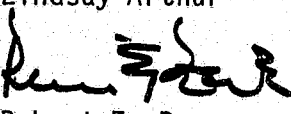
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TO MERGE WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

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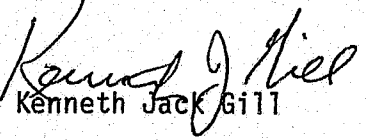
  
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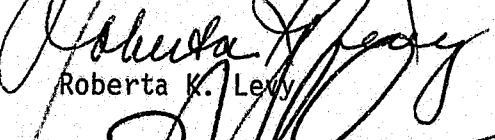
  
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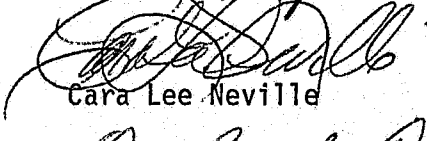
  
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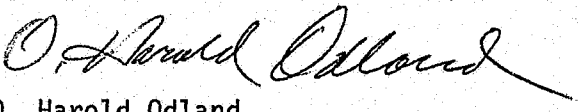
  
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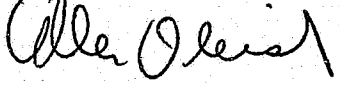
  
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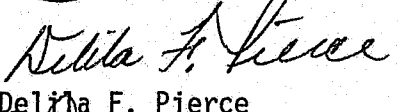
  
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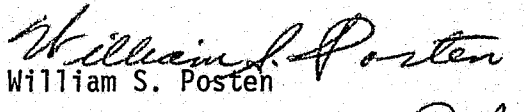
  
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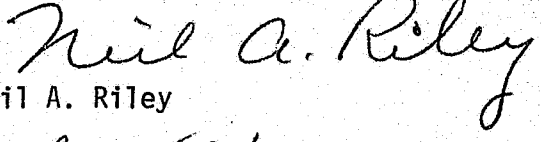
  
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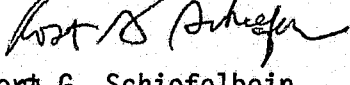
  
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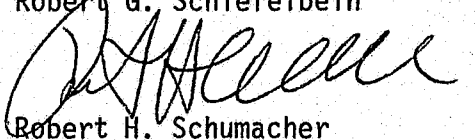
  
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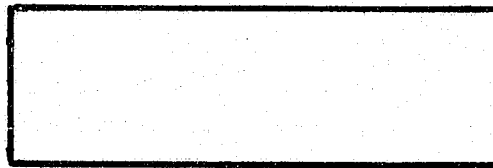
  
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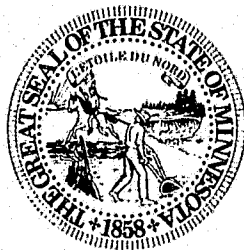
  
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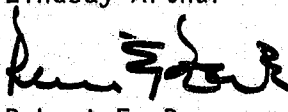
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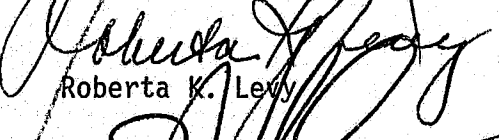
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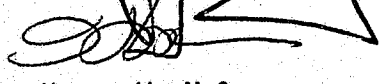
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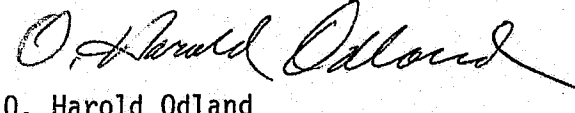
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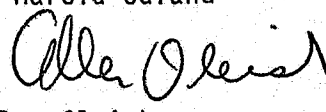
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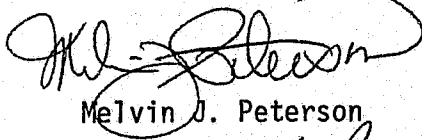
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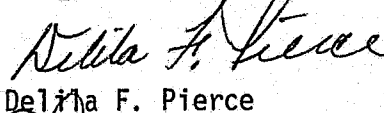
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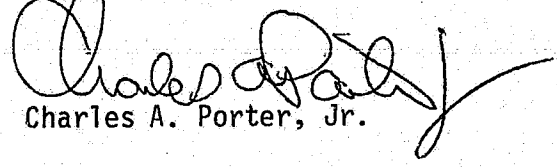
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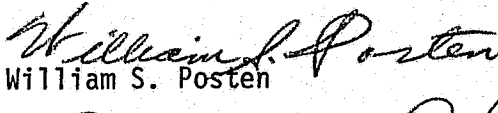
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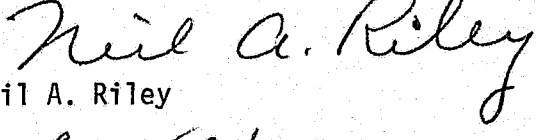
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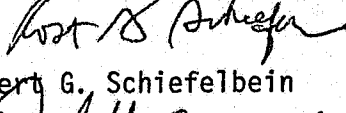
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