

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND DISTRICT
SAINT PAUL 55102



DAVID E. MARSDEN
JUDGE

June 18, 1986

Honorable Joan Growe
Secretary of State
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Ms. Growe:

Enclosed herewith is the Second Judicial District Merger which has been signed by a majority of the District Judges and a majority of the Municipal Judges.

The plan is submitted to you for filing, pursuant to the provisions of M.S. 487.191. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

David E. Marsden
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Chief Judge

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MERGER PLAN

1. The District Court and the Ramsey County Municipal Court of the Second Judicial District shall be merged into a single trial court of general jurisdiction to be known as the District Court. Merger will be effective upon the written approval of this plan by a majority of the District judges and a majority of the Municipal judges and upon filing of said plan with the Secretary of State as provided in Minnesota Statute 487.191. Seniority for all purposes under this plan will be determined by seniority on the date this plan is approved in writing by the judges.
2. The present divisions of the District Court shall continue and may be supplemented by any additional divisions deemed necessary by the Chief Judge. The Probate, Juvenile and Family Court divisions shall continue to be the subject of special assignment by the Chief Judge.
3. The Chief Judge with the assistance of the Assistant Chief Judge, the District Administrator, Judicial Commissioner and the various Administrators of the court shall immediately draw up plans to effectuate the assignment of cases in the operation of the merger.
4. Until January 1, 1992, any present judge of either court may decline assignment to act in any case involving subject matter or jurisdiction not now regularly or normally assigned him or her, except in exigent circumstances when he or she is satisfied that another judge is not available, and that declining to act would not serve the public interest. Provided, however, that this paragraph shall have no application to any of the following cases: (1) Charges constituting Misdemeanors, Gross Misdemeanors or Felonies when a plea of Not Guilty and a demand for trial by jury has been entered; (2) Civil Cases, except Unlawful Detainers, when a demand for trial by jury has been entered.
5. Positions and employees in the Municipal and Conciliation Courts on the day preceding the effective date of this unification, shall remain in the Unclassified Service of Ramsey County and shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the Second Judicial District Personnel System.
6. No judge will be removed from his or her present chambers except judges occupying chambers of a judge presently on Special Assignment. If chambers become available, they may be claimed on the basis of seniority; first by the present District Court judges, then by the present Municipal Court judges, and then by new judges in order of assuming office.
7. The merged Court shall hold regular sessions of court within the city of St. Paul and in such other cities within Ramsey County as a majority of the judges of the court may direct.

APPROVED

District Judges

Municipal Judges

Edward D. Mulally

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Harold W. Schultz

Harold W. Schultz

David E. Marsden

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J. Jerome Plunkett

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Otis H. Godfrey, Jr.

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Stephen L. Maxwell

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James M. Lynch

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E. Thomas Brennan

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Joseph P. Summers

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Charles A. Flinn, Jr.

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Donald E. Gross

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Allan R. Markert

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Roland Faricy

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Kenneth J. Fitzpatrick

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Joseph E. Salland

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DATED: This 17 day of June, 1986.
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