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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

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**IN RE MINNESOTA LEGAL SERVICES
PLANNING COMMITTEE AND LEGAL
SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ORDER

The Minnesota Legal Services Planning Committee was established by order of this Court dated June 9, 2005. The committee has worked to advance access to justice in Minnesota, including analyzing statewide data on civil legal services delivery and assisting the Legal Services Planning Committee in the creation of funding priorities. At the same time, the Legal Services Advisory Committee has been formalizing its procedures to improve management of the public grant funds administered by the Minnesota Judicial Branch as part of its access to justice duties. The Court has reviewed the current relationship between these committees and is fully advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Minnesota Legal Services Planning Committee shall sunset effective October 1, 2012.
2. The Legal Services Advisory Committee shall assume the planning, data collection, and priority setting functions previously conducted by the Minnesota Legal Services Planning Committee.
3. The Legal Services Advisory Committee shall solicit information from civil legal services stakeholders in setting funding priorities.


4. The Legal Services Advisory Committee shall work to ensure its grant making procedures promote statewide access to legal services for low-income Minnesotans and lead to effective use of funding by grantees. The Legal Services Advisory Committee's areas of focus shall include but are not limited to:

- a. Projects to ensure a base level of access to civil legal services in all Minnesota counties.
- b. Coordination with Judicial Branch and law library self-represented litigant services to ensure that clients are being directed to the best available resources in the client's geographic area.
- c. Use of technology and other approaches to support integrated civil legal services infrastructure for staffed, pro bono, and judicare programs.

5. The Legal Services Advisory Committee shall report to the Court in a written annual report on the work of the committee, including revenue received and grants made to civil legal services programs.

DATED: September 24, 2012

BY THE COURT:



Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice