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RULE 25. RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION; APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Rule 25.01. Right to Representation

Every party and participant has the right to be represented by counsel in every juvenile protection matter, including through appeal, if any. This right attaches no later than when the party or participant first appears in court.

1999 Advisory Committee Comment (amended 2003)

Rule 25.01 sets forth the basic principle that each person appearing in court has the right to be represented by counsel. Each person, however, does not necessarily have the right to court appointed counsel as provided in Rule 25.02.

Rule 25.02. Appointment of Counsel

Subd. 1. Child. Each child has the right to effective assistance of counsel in connection with a juvenile protection matter. Counsel for the child shall not also act as the child's guardian ad litem.

(a) **Juvenile Protection Matters.** Except in proceedings where the sole basis for the petition is habitual truancy, if the child desires counsel but is financially unable to employ it, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the child who is ten (10) years of age or older and may appoint counsel to represent a child under age ten (10) in any case in which the court determines that such appointment is appropriate.

(b) **Truancy Matters.** In any proceeding where the sole basis for the petition is habitual truancy, the child does not have the right to appointment of a public defender or other counsel at public expense. However, before any out-of-home placement, including foster care or inpatient treatment, can be ordered, the court shall appoint a public defender or other counsel at public expense to represent the child.

(c) **Indian Child.** In any juvenile protection matter involving an Indian child, the court may, in its discretion, appoint counsel for an Indian child upon a finding that such appointment is in the best interests of the child.

(d) **Request; Timing.** The court may sua sponte appoint counsel for the child, or may do so upon the request of any party or participant. Any such appointment of counsel for the child shall occur as soon as practicable after the request is made. For purposes of appeal, appointment of counsel in a juvenile protection matter shall be made within three (3) days of the request for counsel. When possible, the trial court attorney should be appointed as appellate counsel.

Subd. 2. Parent, Legal Custodian, or Indian Custodian. Each parent, legal custodian, or Indian custodian has the right to effective assistance of counsel in connection with a juvenile court proceeding.

(a) **Juvenile Protection Matters.** Except in proceedings where the sole basis for the petition is habitual truancy, if the child's parent or legal custodian desires counsel but is financially unable

to employ it, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the parent or legal custodian in any juvenile protection matter in which the court determines that such appointment is appropriate.

(b) **Truancy Matters.** In any proceeding where the sole basis for the petition is habitual truancy, the parent or legal custodian does not have the right to appointment of a public defender or other counsel at public expense. However, before any out-of-home placement, including foster care or inpatient treatment, can be ordered, the court shall appoint a public defender or other counsel at public expense to represent the parent in accordance with subdivision 2(a).

(c) **Indian Parent or Custodian.** In any juvenile protection matter involving an Indian child, if the child's parent or Indian custodian is unable to afford it, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the parent or Indian custodian.

(d) **Timing.** The appointment of counsel for the parent, legal custodian, or Indian custodian shall occur as soon as practicable after the request is made. For purposes of appeal, appointment of counsel in a juvenile protection matter shall be made within three (3) days of the request for counsel. When possible, the trial court attorney should be appointed as appellate counsel.

Subd. 3. Guardian Ad Litem. The court may appoint separate counsel for the guardian ad litem if necessary. A public defender may not be appointed as counsel for a guardian ad litem. For purposes of appeal, appointment of counsel in a juvenile protection matter shall be made within three (3) days of the request for counsel. When possible, the trial court attorney should be appointed as appellate counsel.

Subd. 4. Child's Preference. In any juvenile protection matter where the child is not represented by counsel, the court shall determine the child's preferences regarding the proceedings, if the child is of suitable age to express a preference.

Rule 25.03. Reimbursement

When counsel is appointed for a child, the court may inquire into the ability of the parent or legal custodian to pay for the attorney's services and, after giving the parent or legal custodian a reasonable opportunity to be heard, may order the parent or legal custodian to pay the attorney's fees. The parent or legal custodian shall have an ongoing duty to disclose any change in the person's financial circumstances.

Rule 25.04. Notice of Right to Representation

Any child, parent, or legal custodian who appears in court and is not represented by counsel shall be advised by the court on the record of the right to representation pursuant to Rule 25.

Rule 25.05. Certificate of Representation

An attorney representing a client in a juvenile protection matter, other than a public defender or county attorney, shall on or before the attorney's first appearance file with the court a certificate of representation.

Rule 25.06. Withdrawal or Discharge of Counsel

An attorney representing a party in a juvenile protection matter, including a public defender, shall continue representation until such time as:

(a) all district court proceedings in the matter have been completed, including filing and resolution of all post-trial motions under Rules 45 and 46;

- (b) the attorney has been discharged by the client in writing or on the record;
- (c) the court grants the attorney's ex parte motion for withdrawal upon good cause shown; or
- (d) the court approves the attorney's ex parte written substitution of counsel.

If the court grants an attorney's ex parte motion for withdrawal, the withdrawing attorney shall serve upon all parties and the county attorney a copy of the order permitting withdrawal.

RULE 36. PRETRIAL HEARING

Rule 36.01. Timing

The court shall convene a pretrial hearing at least ten (10) days prior to trial.

Rule 36.02. Purpose

The purposes of a pretrial hearing shall be to:

(a) determine whether a settlement of any or all of the issues has occurred or is possible;

(b) determine whether all parties have been served and, if not, review the efforts that have taken place to date to serve all parties;

(c) advise any child or the child's parent or legal custodian who appears in court and is unrepresented of the right to representation pursuant to Rule 25. If counsel is appointed at the pretrial hearing, the hearing shall be reconvened at a later date;

(d) determine whether the child shall be present and testify at trial and, if so, under what circumstances;

- (e) identify any unresolved discovery matters;
- (f) resolve any pending pretrial motions;
- (g) identify and narrow issues of law and fact for trial, including identification of:
 - (1) the factual allegations admitted or denied;
 - (2) the statutory grounds admitted or denied;
 - (3) any stipulations to foundation and relevance of documents; and
 - (4) any other stipulations, admissions, or denials;
- (h) exchange witness lists and a brief summary of each witness' testimony;
- (i) exchange exhibit lists;
- (j) confirm the trial date and estimate the length of trial;
- (k) determine the need for, and date for submission of, proposed findings; and
- (I) determine any other relevant issues.

Rule 36.03. Pretrial Order

The pretrial order shall be filed within ten (10) days of the hearing and shall include the information specified in Rule 36.02 and shall specify all factual allegations and statutory grounds admitted and denied.

Rule 36.04. Continuing Obligation to Update Information

From the date of the pretrial hearing through the date of trial, the parties shall have a continuing obligation to update information provided during the pretrial hearing.

1999 Advisory Committee Comment

Rule 36.02(d) addresses the need to determine whether the child will testify. The intent of the rule is to provide that an order protecting the child from testifying or placing conditions on the child's testimony can only be made after notice of motion and a hearing. The Committee intends that any such motion be heard and resolved at the pretrial conference.

RULE 39. TRIAL

Rule 39.01. Generally

A trial is a hearing to determine whether the statutory grounds set forth in the petition are or are not proved.

Rule 39.02. Timing

Subd. 1. Trial.

(a) **Child in Need of Protection or Services Matters.** A trial regarding a child in need of protection or services matter shall commence within sixty (60) days from the date of the emergency protective care hearing or the admit/deny hearing, whichever is earlier, and testimony shall be concluded

within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of the trial and whenever possible should be over consecutive days.

(b) **Trial Following Permanency Progress Review Hearing for Child Under Age 8.** A trial required by Rule 42.04(c) following a Permanency Progress Review Hearing shall be commenced within thirty (30) days of the filing of a petition in the case of a transfer of legal custody or within ninety (90) days of the filing of the petition in the case of a petition for termination of parental rights, and testimony shall be concluded within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of the trial and whenever possible should be over consecutive days.

(c) **Termination of Parental Rights and Other Permanent Placement Matters.** Unless otherwise provided by these rules, a trial regarding a termination of parental rights matter or other permanent placement matter shall commence within sixty (60) days of the first scheduled admit/deny hearing, and testimony shall be concluded within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of the trial and whenever possible should be over consecutive days.

(d) **Simultaneous Criminal Proceedings.** If criminal charges have been filed against a parent arising out of conduct alleged to constitute egregious harm, the county attorney shall determine whether the criminal matter or the juvenile court matter should proceed to trial first, consistent with the best interests of the child and subject to the defendant's right to a speedy trial.

Subd. 2. Continuance. The court may, either on its own motion or upon motion of a party or the county attorney, continue or adjourn a trial to a later date upon written findings or oral findings made on the record that a continuance is necessary for the protection of the child, for accumulation or presentation of evidence or witnesses, to protect the rights of a party, or for other good cause shown, so long as the permanency time requirements set forth in these rules are not delayed. Failure to conduct a pretrial hearing shall not constitute good cause.

Subd. 3. Effect of Mistrial; Order for New Trial. Upon a declaration of a mistrial, or an order of the trial court or a reviewing court granting a new trial, a new trial shall be commenced within thirty (30) days of the order.

Rule 39.03. Procedure

Subd. 1. Initial Procedure. At the beginning of the trial the court shall on the record:

(a) verify the name, age, race, and current address of the child who is the subject of the matter, unless stating the address would endanger the child or seriously risk disruption of the current placement;

(b) inquire whether the child is an Indian child and, if so, determine whether the Indian child's tribe has been notified;

(c) determine whether all parties are present and identify those present for the record;

(d) determine whether any child or the child's parent or legal custodian is present without counsel and, if so, explain the right to representation pursuant to Rule 25;

(e) determine whether notice requirements have been met and, if not, whether the affected person waives notice;

(f) if the child who is a party or the child's parent or legal custodian appears without counsel, explain basic trial rights;

(g) determine whether the child and the child's parent or legal custodian understand the statutory grounds and the factual allegations set forth in the petition and, if not, provide an explanation; and

(h) explain the purpose of the hearing and the possible transfer of custody of the child from the parent or legal custodian to another when such transfer is permitted by law and the permanency requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 260C.201, subd. 11.

Subd. 2. Conduct and Procedure.

- (a) **Trial Rights.** The parties and the county attorney shall have the right to:
 - (1) present evidence;
 - (2) present witnesses;
 - (3) cross-examine witnesses;

(4) present arguments in support of or against the statutory grounds set forth in the petition; and

(5) ask the court to order that witnesses be sequestered.

Trial Procedure. The trial shall proceed as follows:

(1) the party that drafted and filed the petition pursuant to Rule 33 may make an opening statement confining the statement to the facts expected to be proved;

(2) the other parties, in order determined by the court, may make an opening statement or may make a statement immediately before offering evidence, and the statement shall be confined to the facts expected to be proved;

(3) the party that drafted and filed the petition pursuant to Rule 33 shall offer evidence in support of the petition;

(4) the other parties, in order determined by the court, may offer evidence;

(5) the party that drafted and filed the petition pursuant to Rule 33 may offer evidence in rebuttal;

(6) the other parties, in order determined by the court, may offer evidence in rebuttal;

(7) when evidence is presented, other parties may, in order determined by the court, cross-examine witnesses;

(8) at the conclusion of the evidence the parties, other than the party that drafted and filed the petition pursuant to Rule 33, in order determined by the court, may make a closing statement;

(9) the party that drafted and filed the petition pursuant to Rule 33 may make a closing statement; and

(10) if written argument is to be submitted, it shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of testimony, and the trial is not considered completed until the time for written arguments to be submitted has expired.

Rule 39.04. Standard of Proof

(b)

Subd. 1. Generally. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 260C.163, subd. 1(a), and the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1912(e), in a child in need of protection or services matter, the standard of proof is clear and convincing evidence.

Subd. 2. Termination of Parental Rights and Other Permanent Placement Matters.

(a) **Non-Indian Child.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 260C.317, subd. 1, in a termination of parental rights or other permanency matter involving a non-Indian child, the standard of proof is clear and convincing evidence.

(b) **Indian Child.** Pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1912(f), in a termination of parental rights matter involving an Indian child, the standard of proof is beyond a reasonable doubt.

1999 Advisory Committee Comment

In *In Re the Matter of M.S.S.*, 465 N.W.2d 412 (Minn. Ct. App. 1991), the court held that the parental rights to an Indian child may not be terminated unless the county proves beyond a reasonable doubt that it has complied with section 1912(f) of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901 *et. seq.*, requiring the county to make active efforts to prevent or avoid placement.

Rule 39.05. Decision

Subd. 1. Timing. Within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the testimony, during which time the court may require simultaneous written arguments to be filed and served, the court shall issue its findings and order regarding whether one or more statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved. The court may extend the period for issuing an order for an additional fifteen (15) days if the court finds that an extension of time is required in the interests of justice and the best interests of the child.

Subd. 2. Child in Need of Protection or Services Matters and Habitual Truant, Runaway, and Prostitution Matters. The court shall dismiss the petition if the statutory grounds have not been

proved. If the court finds that one or more statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved, the court shall either enter or withhold adjudication pursuant to Rule 40 and schedule the matter for further proceedings pursuant to Rule 41. The findings and order shall be filed with the court administrator who shall proceed pursuant to Rule 10.

Subd. 3. Termination of Parental Rights and Other Permanency Matters.

(a) **Generally.** If the court finds that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition are not proved, the court shall either dismiss the petition or determine that the child is in need of protection or services. If the court determines that the child is in need of protection or services, the court shall either enter or withhold adjudication pursuant to Rule 40 and schedule further proceedings pursuant to Rule 41. If the court finds that one or more statutory grounds set forth in the termination of parental rights petition are proved, the court may terminate parental rights. If the court finds that any other permanency petition is proved, the court may order relief consistent with that petition. The findings and order shall be filed with the court administrator who shall proceed pursuant to Rule 10.

(b) **Particularized Findings.** In addition to making the findings in subdivision (a), the court shall also make findings regarding the following as appropriate:

(1) **Non-Indian Child.** In any termination of parental rights matter, the court shall make specific findings regarding the nature and extent of efforts made by the responsible social services agency to rehabilitate the parent and reunite the family, including, where applicable, a statement that reasonable efforts to prevent placement and for rehabilitation and reunification are not required as provided under Minnesota Statutes § 260.012(a).

(2) **Indian Child.** In any termination of parental rights proceeding involving an Indian child, the court shall make specific findings regarding the following:

(i) Active Efforts. The petitioner has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that active efforts have been made to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and that these efforts have proved unsuccessful.

(ii) Serious Emotional or Physical Damage. Based upon the testimony, pursuant to Rule 49, of at least one qualified expert witness, that the continued custody of the child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.

(3) **Best Interests of the Child.** Before ordering termination of parental rights, the court shall make a specific finding that termination is in the best interests of the child and shall analyze:

(i) the child's interests in preserving the parent-child relationship;

(ii) the parent's interests in preserving the parent-child relationship; and

(iii) any competing interests of the child.

(4) **Best interests of an Indian Child.** In proceedings involving an Indian child, the best interests of the child shall be determined consistent with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq.

(5) **Child's Interests Paramount.** Where the interests of parent and child conflict, the interests of the child are paramount.

Subd. 4. Permanent Placement Matters. The court shall issue its decision regarding permanency consistent with Rule 42.

RULE 40. ADJUDICATION

Rule 40.01. Adjudication

If the court makes a finding that the statutory grounds set forth in a petition alleging a child to be in need of protection or services are proved, the court shall:

(a) adjudicate the child as in need of protection or services and proceed to disposition pursuant to Rule 41; or

(b) withhold adjudication of the child pursuant to Rule 40.02.

Rule 40.02. Withholding Adjudication

Subd. 1. Generally. When it is in the best interests of the child to do so, the court may withhold an adjudication that the child is in need of protection or services. The court may withhold adjudication for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the finding that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved. During the withholding of an adjudication, the court may enter a disposition order pursuant to Rule 41.

Subd. 2. Further Proceedings. At a hearing, which shall be held within ninety (90) days following the court's withholding of adjudication, the court shall either:

(a) dismiss the matter without an adjudication if both the child and the child's legal custodian have complied with the terms of the continuance; or

(b) adjudicate the child in need of protection or services if either the child or the child's legal custodian has not complied with the terms of the continuance. If the court enters an adjudication, the court shall proceed to disposition pursuant to Rule 41.

RULE 41. DISPOSITION

Rule 41.01. Disposition

After an adjudication that a child is in need of protection or services pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 40.01, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine disposition. Dispositions in regard to review of voluntary foster care matters shall be pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 260C.205 and § 127A.47.

Rule 41.02. Timing

To the extent practicable, the court shall conduct a disposition hearing and enter a disposition order the same day it makes a finding that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved. In the event disposition is not ordered at the same time as the adjudication, the disposition order shall be issued within ten (10) days of the date the court finds that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved.

Rule 41.03. Pre-Disposition Reports

Subd. 1. Investigations and Evaluations. At any time after the court accepts or conditionally accepts an admission pursuant to Rule 35 or finds that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved, the court may, upon its own motion or the motion of a party or the county attorney, order a pre-disposition report which may include:

(a) an investigation of the personal and family history and environment of the child;

(b) medical, psychological, psychiatric, or chemical dependency evaluations of the child and any parent who is a party; and

(c) information regarding the factors set forth in Rule 41.05.

Subd. 2. Advisory. The court shall advise the persons present in court that a pre-disposition investigation is being ordered, the nature of the evaluations to be included, the date when the reports resulting from the investigation are to be filed with the court, and the right of each party to present opposing evidence and reports.

Subd. 3. Pre-Disposition Reports.

(a) **Filing and Service.** The person who intends to offer the pre-disposition report shall file the report with the court and serve the report on all parties at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time scheduled for the hearing. When the child or the child's parent or legal custodian is not represented by counsel, the court may limit the inspection of reports by the child or the child's parent and legal custodian if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child. Any party or the person making the pre-disposition report may by motion request a protective order limiting the release of confidential or sensitive information contained in the report.

(b) **Consideration of Reports.** Before making a disposition in a case, terminating parental rights, or appointing a legal guardian for a child, the court may consider any report or recommendation made by the responsible social services agency, probation officer, licensed child-placing agency, foster

parent, guardian ad litem, tribal representative, the child's health or mental health care provider, or other authorized advocate for the child or child's family, a school district concerning the effect on student transportation of placing a child in a school district in which the child is not a resident, or any other information deemed material by the court.

Subd. 4. Discussion of Contents of Reports. The person making the pre-disposition report may discuss the contents of the report with all parties and the county attorney.

Subd. 5. Discussion of Content of Report - Limitation by Court. The court may upon a showing of good cause limit the extent of the discussion of the contents of the pre-disposition report with the parties if the court finds the limitation to be in the best interests of the child. The limitation may be made:

(a) on the court's own motion; or

(b) upon the written or on-the-record motion of a party, the county attorney, or the person making the pre-disposition report.

Rule 41.04. Procedure; Evidence

Disposition hearings shall be conducted in an informal manner designed to facilitate the opportunity for all parties to be heard.

The court may admit any evidence, including reliable hearsay and opinion evidence, which is relevant to the disposition of the matter. Privileged communications may be admitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 626.556, subd. 8.

Rule 41.05. Disposition Order

Subd. 1. Findings. The disposition order shall contain written findings of fact to support the disposition ordered and shall also set forth in writing the following information:

(a) a statement explaining how the disposition serves the best interests and safety of the child;

(b) a statement of all alternative dispositions or services under the case plan or out-of-home placement plan considered by the court and why such dispositions or services are not appropriate in the instant case;

(c) if the disposition is transfer of legal custody to a responsible social services agency, a statement about whether the proposed placement meets the child's needs and is in the child's best interests and reviewing the agency's use of the factors set out below in making the child's foster care placement:

- (1) the child's current functioning and behaviors;
- (2) the medical, educational, and developmental needs of the child;
- (3) the child's history and past experience;
- (4) the child's religious and cultural needs;
- (5) the child's connection with a community, school, and faith community;
- (6) the child's interests and talents;
- (7) the child's relationship to current caretakers, parents, siblings, and relatives; and

(8) reasonable preference of the child, if the court deems the child to be of sufficient age to express a preference; and

(d) a brief description of the efforts made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from home and to reunify the family after removal, and why further efforts could not have prevented or eliminated the necessity of removal or that reasonable efforts were not required under Minnesota Statutes §§ 260.012 or 260C.178, subd. 1.

The court may authorize or continue an award of legal custody to the responsible social services agency despite a finding that the agency's preventive or reunification efforts have not been reasonable if the court finds that further preventive or reunification efforts could not permit the child to safely remain at home.

If the child has been identified by the responsible social services agency as the subject of concurrent permanency planning, the court shall review and make findings regarding the reasonable

efforts of the agency to recruit, identify, and make a placement with a foster parent or relative who has committed to providing the legally permanent home for the child in the event reunification efforts are not successful.

(e) In the case of an Indian child, the foster care placement of the child shall be ordered only upon the testimony, pursuant to Rule 49, of at least one qualified expert witness that the continued custody of the child by the parent or legal custodian or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the child.

Subd. 2. Content.

(a) Mandatory Provisions. The court shall enter an order making one of the following dispositions for the child:

(1) **Protective Supervision.** Place the child under the protective supervision of the responsible services agency or child-placing agency in the home of a parent or legal custodian under conditions directed to correction of the child's need for protection or services:

(i) the court may order the child into the home of a parent who does not otherwise have legal custody of the child, however, an order under this section does not confer legal custody on that parent;

(ii) if the court orders the child into the home of a father who has not been adjudicated as such, the order shall require the alleged or presumed father to cooperate with paternity establishment proceedings regarding the child in the appropriate jurisdiction as one of the conditions prescribed by the court for the child to continue in his home; and

(iii) the court may order the child into the home of a noncustodial parent with conditions and may also order both the noncustodial and the custodial parent to comply with the requirements of a case plan under subdivision 2; or

(2) **Transfer Legal and Physical Custody to Agency.** Transfer legal custody to a child-placing agency or the responsible social services agency, which shall have legal responsibility for the child's placement in foster care, including making an individualized determination of how the particular placement is in the child's best interests using the consideration for relatives and the best interest factors in Minnesota Statutes § 260C.212, subd. 2(b); or

(3) **Trial Home Visit.** Order a trial home visit, as defined in Rule 2.01(x), without modifying the transfer of legal custody to the responsible social services agency under subdivision 2(a)(2) of this Rule; or

(4) **Special Services.** If the child has been adjudicated as a child in need of protection or services because the child is in need of special services or care to treat or ameliorate a physical or mental disability or emotional disturbance as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 245.4871, subd. 15, the court may order the child's parent, guardian or custodian to provide it. The court may order the child's health plan company to provide mental health services to the child. Minnesota Statutes § 62Q.535 applies to an order for mental health services directed to the child's health plan company. If the health plan, child's parent, or legal custodian fails or is unable to provide the treatment or care, the court may order it provided. Absent specific written findings by the court that the child's disability is the result of abuse or neglect by the child's parent or guardian, the court shall not transfer legal custody of the child for the purpose of obtaining special treatment or care solely because the parent is unable to provide the treatment or care. If the court's order for mental health treatment is based on a diagnosis made by a treatment professional, the court may order that the diagnosing professional not provide the treatment to the child if it finds that such an order is in the child's best interests; or

(5) **Independent Living.** Allow a child sixteen (16) years old or older to live independently under appropriate supervision, if the court determines that the child has sufficient maturity and judgment, and the responsible social services agency after consultation with the court has specifically authorized this alternative.

(6) **Monitoring.** When a parent has complied with a case plan and the child is in the care of the parent, the court may order the responsible social services agency to monitor the parent's continued ability to maintain the child safely in the home under such terms and conditions as the court determines appropriate under the circumstances.

(b) Additional Provisions. As part of the disposition order the court shall also:

(1) approve or modify the plan for supervised or unsupervised visitation for the child's parent or legal custodian, relatives, and siblings of the child, if siblings are not in out-of-home

placement together, as set out in the out-of-home placement plan; the court may set reasonable rules for visitation that contribute to the objectives of the court order and the maintenance of the familial relationship; the court may deny visitation when visitation would act to prevent the achievement of the court's disposition order or would endanger the child's physical or emotional well-being;

(2) review the case plan, make modifications supported by the evidence appropriate, and approve the plan;

(3) order all parties to comply with the approved case plan;

(4) incorporate into the order by reference the approved case plan and attach a copy of the plan only if it has been modified;

(5) give notice to the parent on the record and in writing of the requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 260C.201, subds. 11 and 11a; and

(6) set the date and time for the admit/deny hearing pursuant to Rule 42.

(c) **Habitual Truant and Runaway Matters.** If the child is adjudicated in need of protection or services because the child is a habitual truant or a runaway, the court may order any of the following dispositions in addition to or as alternatives to the dispositions ordered under subdivisions (a) and (b):

(1) counseling for the child or the child's parent or legal custodian;

(2) place the child under the supervision of a probation officer or other suitable person in the child's own home under conditions prescribed by the court, including reasonable rules for the child's conduct and the conduct of the parent or legal custodian designed for the physical, mental, and moral well-being and behavior of the child;

(3) with the consent of the commissioner of corrections, place the child in a group foster care facility that is under the commissioner's management and supervision;

(4) subject to the court's supervision, transfer legal custody of the child to one of the following:

(i) a reputable person of good moral character; or

(ii) a county probation officer for placement in a group foster home established under the direction of the juvenile court and licensed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 241.021;

(5) require the child to pay a fine of up to \$100, to be paid in a manner that will not impose undue financial hardship upon the child;

(6) require the child to participate in a community service project;

(7) order the child to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation and, if warranted by the evaluation, order participation by the child in a drug awareness program or an inpatient or outpatient chemical dependency treatment program;

(8) order the commissioner of public safety to cancel the child's driver's license or permit or, for a child who does not have a driver's license or permit, order a denial of driving privileges for any period up to the child's 18th birthday; or

(9) order the child's parent or legal custodian to deliver the child to school at the beginning of each school day for a period of time specified by the court.

2006 Advisory Committee Comment

Minnesota Statutes § 260C.331, subd. 1(a)(3), provides that "whenever a child is given physical or mental examinations or treatment under order of the court, and no provision is otherwise made by law for payment of the care, examination, or treatment of the child, those costs are a charge upon the welfare funds of the county in which proceedings are held upon certification of the judge of juvenile court."

Rule 41.06. Hearings to Review Disposition

Subd. 1. Timing. When disposition is an award of legal custody to the responsible social services agency, the court shall review the disposition in court at least every ninety (90) days. Any party or the county attorney may request a review hearing before ninety (90) days. When the disposition is protective supervision, the court shall review the disposition in court at least every six (6) months from the date of disposition.

Subd. 2. Procedure in Reviewing Disposition.

(a) **Legal Custody to Agency With Foster Care.** When the disposition is transfer of legal custody to the responsible social services agency, the court shall conduct a hearing at least every ninety (90) days to review whether foster care is necessary and continues to be appropriate or whether the child should be returned to the home of the parent or legal custodian from whom the child was removed. The review shall include the following:

(1) whether the out-of-home placement plan is relevant to the safety and best interests of the child;

(2) whether the agency is making reasonable or, in the case of an Indian child, active efforts to implement the requirements of the out-of-home placement plan;

(3) the extent of progress which has been made toward alleviating or mitigating the causes necessitating placement;

(4) whether the parents or legal custodian of the child are visiting the child and, if not, what barriers exist to visitation;

(5) whether the agency has made diligent efforts to identify both parents of the child as required under Minnesota Statutes § 260C.212, subd. 4, and whether the case plan or out-of-home placement plan addresses the need for services of both parents;

(6) whether the child is receiving appropriate services under the out-of-home placement plan;

when a child has siblings in foster care:

(7)

(i) whether the child resides with the siblings;

(ii) when the child and siblings are not placed together, whether further efforts are appropriate to place the siblings together; and

(iii) when the child and siblings are not placed together, whether there is visitation amongst siblings;

(8) when a child is not placed with a relative, whether the agency's efforts under Minnesota Statutes § 260C.212, subd. 5, are adequate; in the case of an Indian child, whether the placement preferences of 25 U.S.C. § 1915 are met;

(9) when the agency is utilizing concurrent permanency planning, the agency's efforts to place the child with a relative or a foster parent who has committed to providing the child's legally permanent home in the event reunification efforts are not successful; and

(10) whether the parent or legal custodian understands the requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 260C.201, subd. 11, related to the required permanency placement determination hearing, including the projected date by which the child will be returned home or the hearing will be held.

(b) **Legal Custody to Agency with Trial Home Visit.** When the disposition is a trial home visit:

(1) the responsible social services agency shall advise the court and parties within three (3) days of the date a trial home visit is terminated by the responsible social services agency without a court order;

(2) the responsible social services agency shall prepare a report for the court when the trial home visit is terminated, whether by the agency or court order, which describes the child's circumstances during the trial home visit and recommends appropriate orders, if any, for the court to enter to provide for the child's safety and stability. In the event a trial home visit is terminated by the agency by removing the child to foster care without prior court order or authorization, the court shall conduct a hearing within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the termination of the trial home visit by the agency and shall order disposition under this subdivision or conduct a permanency hearing under Rule 42. The time period for the hearing may be extended by the court for good cause shown and if it is in the best interests of the child as long as the total time the child spends in foster care without a permanent placement determination hearing does not exceed twelve (12) months;

(3) while the child is in trial home placement the matter shall be reviewed in court at least every ninety (90) days to determine whether the trial home visit continues to be necessary. At least five (5) business days prior to the hearing, the responsible social services agency shall file with the court and serve upon the parties a report describing the services provided to the child and parent and the parent's progress on the case plan; and

(c) **Protective Supervision in Home of Parent.** When the disposition is protective supervision of the child in the home of a custodial parent, the court shall conduct a review hearing at least every six (6) months. When the disposition is protective supervision of the child in the home of a

noncustodial parent, the court shall conduct a review hearing at least every ninety (90) days. At the hearing, the court shall review:

(1) whether the agency has submitted a case plan for the parents or legal custodian and child as required under Rule 37;

(2) after the agency has submitted a plan to the court as required under Rule 37, whether the plan continues to be relevant to the safety and best interests of the child;

(3) whether the agency is making appropriate efforts to implement the plan;

(4) whether the agency, child's attorney and the guardian ad litem have reasonable access to the child to determine the child's safety, health, and well-being;

(5) whether the parents or legal custodian are able to utilize the services set out in the plan to correct the conditions which led to the court's determination that the child is in need of protection or services, and if not, what other services might be appropriate; and

(6) whether the child is receiving necessary services identified in the plan and whether those services are meeting the best interests of the child.

Subd. 3. Procedure. Any party or the county attorney may seek modification of a disposition order by motion made pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 15. The motion may be heard at the scheduled review hearing or at an earlier date or may be considered by the court without hearing if no party objects.

Subd. 4. Modification of Disposition; Modification of Case Plan or Out-of-Home Placement Plan.

(a) **Agreement.** The court, on its own motion or that of any party, may modify the disposition or order the case plan or out-of-home placement plan modified when all parties agree the modification is in the best interests of the child and:

(1) a change of circumstances requires a change in the disposition or modification of the case plan or out-of-home placement plan; or

(2) the original disposition or case plan or out-of-home placement plan is inappropriate.

(b) **Objection.** If a party objects to a proposed modification, or if the child does not have a guardian ad litem at the time the motion is made, the court shall schedule a hearing for the next available date. A party has a right to request a court review of the reasonableness of the case plan or out-of-home placement plan upon a showing of a substantial change in circumstances. The court may also:

(1) order the agency to make further efforts to identify and place a child with a relative if the court finds the agency has failed to perform duties required under Minnesota Statutes § 260C.212, subds. 2 and 5; or

(2) find that the agency has performed required duties under Minnesota Statutes § 260C.212, subd. 5, and no further efforts to locate relatives are required; or

(3) in the case of an Indian child, unless good cause is found under 25 U.S.C. § 1915, order the agency to make additional efforts to comply with the placement preferences of 25 U.S.C. § 1915.

Subd. 5. Notice. Notice of the review hearing shall be given to all parties and participants.

Subd. 6. Procedure. Review hearings shall be conducted pursuant to Rule 41.04.

Subd. 7. Findings and Order. In the event the disposition is modified, the court shall issue a disposition order in accordance with Rule 41.05.

2008 Advisory Committee Comment

To ensure that each child's developmental needs are timely met, federal and state statutes have established a 12-month permanent placement determination timeline. A trial home visit is a tool designed to support reunification efforts, while simultaneously ensuring the child's safety. Consistent with Rule 41.06, which requires 90-day review hearings for other types of dispositions, Rule 41.06, subd. 2(b), provides that in cases where a trial home visit has been ordered the disposition review hearing must occur at least every 90 days. However, to better support reunification efforts, the best practice is

to hold such disposition review hearings more often than every 90 days and to establish the hearing frequency and date in court.

RULE 45. POST-TRIAL MOTIONS

Rule 45.01. Procedure and Timing

Subd. 1. Timing. All post-trial motions shall comply with Rule 15 and shall be filed with the court and served upon the parties within ten (10) days of the service of notice by the court administrator of the filing of the court's order finding that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition are or are not proved. Any response to a post-trial motion shall comply with Rule 15 and shall be filed with the court and served upon the parties within five (5) days of service of the post-trial motion.

Subd. 2. Basis of Motion. A post-trial motion shall be made and decided on the files, exhibits, and minutes of the court. Pertinent facts that would not be a part of the minutes may be shown by affidavit except as otherwise provided by these rules. A full or partial transcript of the court reporter's notes of the testimony taken at the trial or other verbatim recording thereof may be used in deciding the motion.

Subd. 3. Time for Serving Affidavits. When a post-trial motion is based upon affidavits, such affidavits shall be served with the notice of motion. The parties and the county attorney shall have five (5) days after such service in which to serve opposing affidavits pursuant to Rule 15. The court may permit reply affidavits so long as the time for issuing a decision is not extended beyond the time permitted in Rule 45.05.

Subd. 4. Hearing. If the trial court grants a hearing on a post-trial motion, the hearing shall take place within ten (10) days of the date the post-trial motion is filed.

Rule 45.02. New Trial on Court's Own Motion

Not later than fifteen (15) days after finding that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition are or are not proved, the court may upon its own initiative order a new trial for any reason for which it might have granted a new trial on a motion. After giving appropriate notice and an opportunity to be heard, the court may grant a motion for a new trial, timely served, for reasons not stated in the motion. In either case, the court shall specify in the order the basis for ordering a new trial.

Rule 45.03. Amendment of Findings

Upon motion, the court may amend its findings or make additional findings, and may amend the order accordingly. The motion may be made with a motion for a new trial and may be made on the files, exhibits, and minutes of the court. The question of sufficiency of the evidence to support the findings may be raised whether or not the party raising the question has made in the district court an objection to such findings or has made a motion to amend the order.

Rule 45.04. Grounds for New Trial

A new trial may be granted on all or some of the issues for any of the following reasons:

(a) irregularity in the proceedings of the court, referee, or prevailing party, or any order or abuse of discretion whereby the moving party was deprived of a fair trial;

(b) misconduct of counsel;

(c) fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct of the county attorney, any party, their counsel, or their guardian ad litem;

(d) accident or surprise that could not have been prevented by ordinary prudence;

(e) material evidence, newly discovered, which with reasonable diligence could not have been found and produced at the trial;

(f) errors of law occurring at the trial and objected to at the time, or if no objection need have been made, then plainly assigned in the motion;

(g) a finding that the statutory grounds set forth in the petition are proved is not justified by the evidence or is contrary to law; or

(h) if required in the interests of justice.

Rule 45.05. Decision

The court shall rule on all post-trial motions within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing, which shall include the time for filing written arguments, if any. The findings and order shall be filed with the court administrator, who shall proceed pursuant to Rule 10.

Rule 45.06. Relief

In response to any post-trial motion, including a motion for a new trial, the court may:

- (a) conduct a new trial;
- (b) reopen the proceedings and take additional testimony;
- (c) amend the findings of fact and conclusions of law; or
- (d) make new findings and conclusions as required.

RULE 46. RELIEF FROM ORDER

Rule 46.01. Clerical Mistakes

Clerical mistakes in judgments, orders, or other parts of the record and errors arising from oversight or omission may be corrected by the court at any time upon its own initiative or upon motion of any party and after such notice, if any, as the court orders. During the pendency of an appeal, such mistakes may be so corrected with leave of the appellate court.

Rule 46.02. Mistakes; Inadvertence; Excusable Neglect; Newly Discovered Evidence; Fraud

Upon motion and upon such terms as are just, the court may relieve a party or the party's legal representatives from a final order or proceeding, including a default order, and may order a new trial or grant such other relief as may be just for any of the following reasons:

(a) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect;

(b) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial;

(c) fraud (whether denominated intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or other misconduct of an adverse party;

(d) the judgment is void; or

(e) any other reason justifying relief from the operation of the order.

The motion shall be made within a reasonable time, but in no event shall it be more than ninety (90) days following the service of notice by the court administrator of the filing of the court's order.

Rule 46.03. Invalidation of Action Under ICWA

Subd. 1. Petition or Motion. Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1914, any Indian child who is the subject of any action for foster care placement or termination of parental rights, any parent or Indian custodian from whose custody an Indian child was removed, or the Indian child's tribe may seek to invalidate the action upon a showing that such action violates the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1911 – 1913.

(a) *Motion.* A motion to invalidate may be brought regarding a pending juvenile protection matter.

(b) **Petition.** A petition to invalidate may be brought regarding a juvenile protection matter in which juvenile court jurisdiction has been terminated.

Subd. 2. Form and Service. A motion or petition to invalidate shall be in writing pursuant to Rule 15.01 and shall be filed and served pursuant to Rule 15.02. Both a motion and a petition to invalidate shall be processed by the court as a motion. Upon receipt of a petition to invalidate a proceeding in which juvenile court jurisdiction has been terminated, the court administrator shall re-open the original juvenile protection file related to the petition.

Subd. 3. Hearing. Within thirty (30) days of the filing of a motion or petition to invalidate, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing of sufficient length to address the issue raised in the motion or petition. A motion filed thirty (30) or more days prior to trial shall be heard prior to trial and the decision

shall be issued prior to trial. A motion filed less than thirty (30) days prior to trial shall not delay commencement of the trial and the decision shall be issued as part of the trial decision.

Subd. 4. Findings and Order. Within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing on the motion or petition to invalidate, the court shall issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order regarding the petition or motion to invalidate.

2008 Advisory Committee Comment

Grounds for Petition to Invalidate. Rule 46.03 establishes a procedure for filing a petition or motion to invalidate an action under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). 25 U.S.C. § 1914. Section 1914 of the ICWA permits an Indian child, the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian, or the Indian child's tribe to petition the court to invalidate any action for foster care placement or termination of parental rights upon a showing that the action violated the ICWA § 1911 (dealing with exclusive jurisdiction and transfer to tribal court), § 1912 (dealing with notice to the Indian child's tribe regarding the district court proceedings, appointment of counsel, examination of reports, and testimony of a qualified expert witness), or § 1913 (dealing with voluntary consent to foster care placement and termination of parental rights). Section 14 of the ICWA is silent about the time for bringing a petition to invalidate, the relief available, and whether relief is available even if there was no objection below.

Time Limit for Filing Petition to Invalidate. Although there is no time limit for brining a petition to invalidate contained in section 1914 of the ICWA, the Alaska Supreme Court has held that a challenge to an adoption under section 1914 shall be brought within a year. *In re Adoption of Erin G.*, 140 P.3d 886, 891 (Alaska 2006). In a slightly later case, the Alaska Supreme Court suggested that the time limit in an ICWA challenge brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 would be two years. *Dept. of Health & Soc. Servs. v. Native Village of Curyung*, 151 P.3d 388, 411 (Alaska 2006). The authors of *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act* do not cite any other cases, but they disagree that there should be time limits which vary from state to state. Native American Rights Fund, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act* 161 (2007). The authors of *The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook* recommend using the two-year time limit contained in § 1913(d). B.J. Jones, M. Tilden & K. Gaines-Stoner, *The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook: A Legal Guide to the Custody and Adoption of Native American Children 156* (2d ed. 2008).

Reach of Relief Available. There are a number of cases which hold that section 1914 of the ICWA is not available to attack an ICWA violation occurring during the foster care placement proceeding (i.e., child in need of protection or services (CHIPS)) as part of the termination of parental rights proceeding. *In Re Welfare of the Children of S.W., et.al., Parents*, 727 N.W.2d 144 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007); *Interest of J.D.B.*, 584 N.W.2d 577 (Iowa Ct. App. 1998); *Interest of J.W.*, 528 N.W.2d 657, 661 (Iowa Ct. App. 1995); *D.E.D. v. State*, 704 P.2d 774, 782 (Alaska 1985); *In Re M.E.M.*, 679 P.2d 1241, 1243-44 (Mont. 1984). Although these courts have rejected this sort of collateral attack, there is some suggestion in all four of these cases that a different decision might have resulted if the termination of parental rights judge had made extensive use of the evidence introduced in the foster care placement proceeding in which the violations occurred. The North Dakota Supreme Court appears to agree. *See B.R.T. v. Social Serv. Bd.*, 391 N.W.2d 594, 600 n.10 (N.D. 1986).

The Native American Rights Fund cites three cases that, it says, compel vacation of the adjudication for specific ICWA violations: *Interest of H.D.*, 729 P.2d 1234, 1240-41 (Kansas Ct. App. 1986); *In Re L.A.M.*, 727 P.2d 1057, 1060 (Alaska 1986); and *Morgan v. Morgan et al.*, 364 N.W.2d 754, 758 (Mich. Ct. App. 1985). Native American Rights Fund, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act* 162 (2007). But none of these

three cases invalidates a subsequent termination of parental rights because of ICWA violations occurring during the foster care placement proceeding.

In an American Bar Association treatise on the subject, the authors argue a broader role for section 1914, including collateral attack in federal court. See B.J. Jones, M. Tilden & K. Gaines-Stoner, *The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook: A Legal Guide to the Custody and Adoption of Native American Children*, pp. 153-56 (2d ed. 2008).

Necessity of Objection During Trial Court Proceeding. Although it is not a section 1914 case, *Matter of L.A.M.*, 727 P.2d 1057, 1059 (Alaska 1986), specifically holds that objection during the trial court proceeding is not required to preserve an objection on appeal to a section 1912 violation. The Native American Rights Fund lists two cases which hold that an objection below is not necessary to seek relief under section 1914: *In re S.R.M.*, 153 P.3d 438 (Colo. Ct. App. 2006); and *In re S.M.H.*, 103 P.3d 976, 982 (Kan. Ct. App. 2005). Native American Rights Fund, *A Practical Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act* 161 (2007).

RULE 47. APPEAL

Rule 47.01. Applicability of Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure

Except as provided in Rule 47.02, appeals of juvenile protection matters shall be in accordance with the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

Rule 47.02. Procedure

Subd. 1. Appealable Order. An appeal may be taken by the aggrieved person from a final order of the juvenile court affecting a substantial right of the aggrieved person, including but not limited to an order adjudicating a child to be in need of protection or services, neglected and in foster care.

Subd. 2. Timing of Filing Notice of Appeal. Any appeal shall be taken within twenty (20) days of the service of notice by the court administrator of the filing of the court's order. In the event of the filing and service of a timely and proper post-trial motion under Rule 45, or motion for relief under Rule 46 if the motion is filed within the time specified in Rule 45.01, subd. 1, the provisions of Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure Rule 104.01, subd. 2 and 3, apply, except that the time for appeal runs for all parties from the service of notice by the court administrator of the filing of the order disposing of the last post-trial motion.

2004 Advisory Committee Comment—2006 Amendment

Minnesota Statutes § 260C.415 provides that an appeal shall be taken within 30 days of the filing of the appealable order and "as in other civil cases" under the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. The Committee recognizes that the timing provision of Rule 47.02, subd. 2, which provides that the appeal time begins to run from the court administrator's service of notice of the filing of the order, is a departure from the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. This departure is intended to expedite the appeal time and procedures are governed by these rules, specifically established for juvenile protection proceedings, and not by the more general provisions of the appellate rules. *See In re Welfare of J.R., Jr.*, 655 N.W.2d 1 (Minn. 2003).

Subd. 3. Service and Filing of Notice of Appeal. Within the time allowed for an appeal, as provided in subdivision 2, the party appealing shall:

(a) serve a notice of appeal upon the county attorney and all parties or their counsel if represented, including notice of the correct case caption pursuant to Rule 8.08; and

(b) file with the clerk of appellate courts a notice of appeal, together with proof of service upon all parties, including notice of the correct case caption pursuant to Rule 8.08.

A notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the request for transcript required by subdivision 5.

Subd. 4. Notice to Court Administrator. At the same time as the appeal is filed, the appellant shall provide notice of the appeal to the court administrator. Failure to notify the court administrator does not deprive the court of appeals of jurisdiction.

Subd. 5. Request for Transcript. At or before the time for serving the notice of appeal, the appellant shall serve on the court reporter a written request for a transcript. At the same time, the appellant shall also provide the court reporter with a signed Certificate as to Transcript, which the court reporter shall sign and file with the clerk of appellate courts, with a copy to the trial court, unrepresented parties, and counsel of record, within ten (10) days of the date the transcript was ordered.

Subd. 6. Failure to File Proof of Service. Failure to file proof of service does not deprive the court of appeals of jurisdiction over the appeal, but is grounds only for such action as the court of appeals deems appropriate, including a dismissal of the appeal.

Subd. 7. Notice to Legal Custodian. The court administrator shall notify the child's legal custodian of the appeal. Failure to notify the legal custodian does not affect the jurisdiction of the court of appeals.

Subd. 8. Timing of Briefs. Rule 131.01 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure applies to the timing of briefs in juvenile protection matters, except that the respondent shall serve and file a brief and any appendix within twenty (20) days after service of the brief of the appellant; within twenty (20) days after service of the last appellant's brief, if there are multiple appellants; or within twenty (20) days after delivery of a transcript ordered by respondent pursuant to Civil Appellate Procedure Rule 110.02, subd. 1, whichever is later.

Rule 47.03. Application for Stay of Trial Court Order

The service and filing of a notice of appeal does not stay the order of the juvenile court. The order of the juvenile court shall stand pending the determination of the appeal, but the juvenile court may in its discretion and upon application stay the order. If the juvenile court denies an application for stay pending appeal, upon motion, a stay may be granted by the court of appeals.

Rule 47.04. Right to Additional Review

Upon an appeal, any party or the county attorney may obtain review of an order entered in the same case which may adversely affect that person by filing a notice of review with the clerk of appellate courts. The notice of review shall specify the order to be reviewed, shall be served and filed within fifteen (15) days after service of the notice of appeal, and shall contain proof of service.

Rule 47.05. Transcript of Proceedings

The requirements regarding preparation of a transcript shall be governed by Rule 110.02 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure, except that the estimated completion date contained in the certificate of transcript shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date the request for transcript is received.

Rule 47.06. Time for Rendering Decision by Minnesota Court of Appeals

All decisions regarding juvenile protection matters shall be issued by the appellate court within forty-five (45) days of the date the case is deemed submitted pursuant to the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

Rule 47.07. Petition in Supreme Court for Review of Decisions of the Court of Appeals

Rule 117 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure applies to petitions for review of decisions of the court of appeals in juvenile protection matters, except that any petition for further review shall be filed with the clerk of the appellate courts and served upon the parties within fifteen (15) days of the filing of the court of appeals' decision, and any response to such petition shall be filed with the clerk of appellate courts and served upon the parties of the petition.