STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

C7-81-300

In Re Modification of Canon 3A(7) of the Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct to Allow a Period of Experimental Audio and Video Coverage of Certain Trial Court Proceedings

ORDER FOR PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota has authority to regulate the practice of law before it and to regulate the practice and procedure in all courts of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Court issued an order on April 18, 1983 that allowed audio and video coverage of trial court proceedings on an experimental basis for two years; and

WHEREAS, the Court extended the experimental period for two years in an order dated August 21, 1985, and that period has now lapsed; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Media Committee has petitioned the Court to waive compliance with Canon 3A(7) of the Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct to permit audio and video coverage of Minnesota trial court proceedings for an experimental period.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that a public hearing concerning this petition be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 1989, in the Supreme Court Chambers in the State Capitol in St. Paul.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

- 1. All persons, including members of the Bench and Bar, desiring to present written statements concerning the subject matter of the hearing, but who do not desire to make an oral presentation at the hearing shall file 10 copies of such statement with the Office of Appellate Courts, 230 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN, 55155, on or before January 20, 1989, and
- 2. All persons desiring to make an oral presentation at the hearing shall file 10 copies of the material to be so presented with the Office of Appellate Courts together with 10 copies of a request to make the oral presentation. Such statements shall be filed on or before January 20, 1989.

Dated: October 20, 1988

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

BY THE COURT

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Douglas K. Amdahl Chief Justice