

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

Hearing on the Brief of Amicus of the
Corporate Counsel Association re.
Restrictive Status of Corporation
Lawyers Under the Rules of Continuing
Professional Education Promulgated by
the Minnesota Supreme Court on April 3,
1975.

ORDER

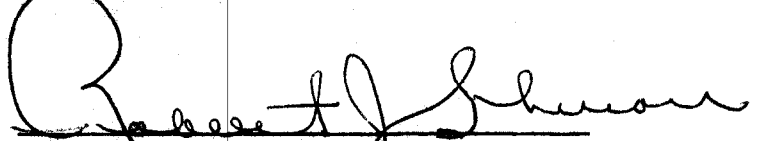
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on the Brief of Amicus of the Corporate Counsel Association addressed to the restrictive status of corporation lawyers under the Rules of Continuing Professional Education promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court on April 3, 1975 be held before this Court in the Supreme Court, State Capitol Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Wednesday, April 7, 1976, commencing at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that advance notice of the hearing be given by the publication of this order once in the Supreme Court edition of Finance and Commerce, the St. Paul Legal Ledger, Bench and Bar, and the Hennepin Lawyer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons desiring to be heard shall file briefs or petitions and shall also notify the Clerk of the Supreme Court, in writing, on or before Monday, March 29, 1976, of their desire to be heard in this matter.

Dated: February 25, 1976

BY THE COURT


Chief Justice

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March 24, 1976

Mr. John McCarthy, Clerk
Minnesota Supreme Court
230 State Capitol Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Sir:

The Corporate Counsel Association of Minnesota has received notice of the hearing on its Brief of Amicus to be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1976. While the Association certainly would participate in such hearing if so requested by the Court, it is our determination that we have nothing to add in an oral presentation to that which has been stated in our Brief. Accordingly, please be advised that we will not register as a person desiring to be heard at the hearing unless our participation is requested by the Court.

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Re: Supreme Court Rules Relating to Continuing Professional
Education - Petition of Corporate Counsel Association
of Minnesota

Dear Chief Justice Sheran:

The members of the Board of Continuing Legal Education have instructed me to communicate to the Court their feeling with respect to the petition submitted by the Corporate Counsel Association of Minnesota to amend Rule 3 of the Rules Relating to Continuing Professional Education, in order that the Court might have the benefit of these comments at the time of the hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 1976.

All members present at the April meeting of the Board of Continuing Legal Education expressed themselves favorably with respect to the change in the Rule requested by the Corporate Counsel Association. The Board members feel that the scope of activity by a lawyer electing restrictive status (and hence exempted from the educational requirements) should be narrowly restricted. The Board members are impressed with the logic of the brief of the Corporate Counsel Association.

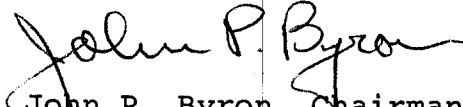
However, a number of attorneys already have elected restricted status. It is probable that some attorneys did so with the understanding that they could continue to represent "full-time employers", where appropriate. Therefore, if the Court determines that the Rule should be changed, the Board recommends that the change be prospective, and delayed somewhat, perhaps until July 1, 1976. Any lawyers who have previously elected restricted status would then have sufficient time to reconsider their decision in light of the Rule change. Presumably any restricted attorney then returning to active status would be assigned to Category 1, and subject to the requirement of 45 hours credit prior to June 30, 1979.

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The Board members have requested me to advise the Court that our Board would be pleased to consult further with the Court in the consideration of this matter, or in the implementation of any changes directed by the Court.

Yours very truly,



John P. Byron, Chairman
State Board of Continuing Legal
Education

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cc Dean Douglas Heidenreich