

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C9-94-1898

ORDER AMENDING RULES ON
CERTIFICATION OF COURT INTERPRETERS

Because existing Rules on Certification of Court Interpreters do not adequately protect the confidentiality of all testing, orientation, registration, and non-roster contact information on certified and non-certified interpreters; and

The court having reviewed the proposed amendments is fully advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rules on Certification of Court Interpreters are hereby amended, effective immediately, by the addition of the following rule:

Rule X. Confidentiality of Records.

Subject to exceptions in rules I.A.3., II.A.3., II.A.5., III.D., and VI.E. of these rules and rule 8.01 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts, all information in the files of the Coordinator, the Advisory Committee, and the State Court Administrator relating to court interpreters shall be confidential and shall not be released to anyone other than the court except upon order of the court.

Drafting Committee Comment – 2000

This rule is being added in 2000 to provide a consistent and necessary level of confidentiality for information maintained in the court interpreter orientation and certification process, including for example testing materials, orientation and registration information, and non-roster contact information. Both certified and non-certified interpreters included on the statewide roster under rule 8.01 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts must attend orientation training and pass an ethics exam, but the confidentiality provisions in rules II, III, and VI are limited to those seeking formal certification. Rule X ensures consistent confidentiality for all testing, orientation, registration and non-roster contact information, and is consistent with the level of accessibility accorded similar information in the attorney licensing process.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the inclusion of drafting committee comments is made for convenience and does not reflect court approval of the comments made therein.

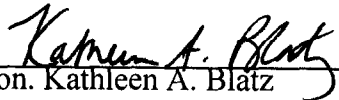
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By the court:

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Hon. Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice