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Chief Justice Douglas Amdahl
Minnesota Supreme Court
State Capitol
St. Paul, 55155

81-876

Dear Chief Justice Amdahl:

The Minnesota Shorthand Reporters Association respectfully requests that the Supreme Court take one or more of three actions proposed in the Petition for Rehearing attached hereto relative to its adoption of minimum qualifications for court reporters.

We request first that the Supreme Court order a new hearing for the purpose of receiving further testimony in this regard. This association did not anticipate that this hearing would form the basis for the insertion of a rule which would allow the keeping of the Court's official record by means other than court reporting. The plain language of the Statute which we thought formed the basis for the Court's action led us, apparently incorrectly, to believe otherwise. Had we thought that the Court would have moved in the direction it has, we would have presented considerable evidence and testimony relative to the effectiveness and reliability of other means of preserving the Court's record. I also anticipate that other groups, including the organized bar, the trial bar, and other members of the judiciary desire to be heard relative to this issue. We only request that the Court grant an opportunity to present this more extensive testimony prior to entering its official Order.

Secondly, we respectfully request that pending such hearing the Court delay the implementation of its Order relative to proposed minimum qualifications.

Thirdly, if the Court were to deny our Petition relative to rehearing and/or delay, we respectfully suggest that Paragraphs I and III of the minimum qualifications for court reporters are

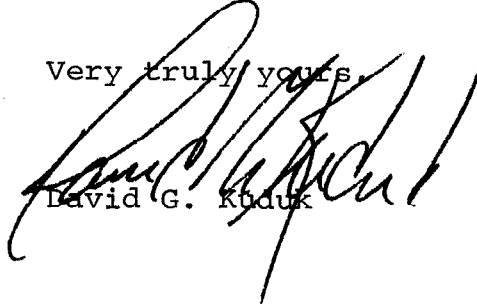
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unnecessary and essentially meaningless in light of Paragraph II.

I attach hereto a copy of the Court's Order.

Thank you for any consideration the Court may give the attached Petition.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

No. 81-876

HEARING ON PROPOSED MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT
REPORTERS

PETITION FOR REHEARING,
DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION,
OR ALTERATION OF RULES

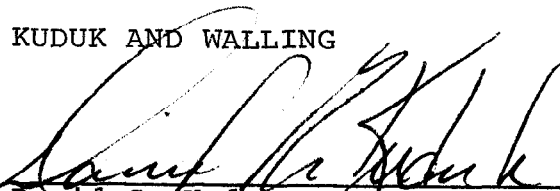
The Minnesota Shorthand Reporters Association, through its Counsel, hereby requests the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota, for the reasons more fully itemized in the letter attached hereto, to take one or more of the following actions with respect to its Order dated December 3, 1981, and published Friday, December 11, 1981.

1. Ordering a rehearing to allow further testimony on the subject matter of said Rule.
2. Delaying the implementation of said Rule pending such rehearing.
3. Striking Paragraphs I and III from said Rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

No. 81-876

HEARING ON PROPOSED MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS FOR COURT
REPORTERS

ORDER

The Supreme Court hereby adopts the following Minimum
Qualifications for Court Reporters:

"A competent stenographer who wishes to be considered for employment by a judge for the position of court reporter must have a high school diploma or the equivalent and also qualify under one of the following classifications:

I.

- "A. Graduated from a court reporting school approved by the National Shorthand Reporters Association and the State Court Administrator, or have held the position of official court reporter for three of the previous five years; and
- "B. A valid Registered Professional Reporters certificate or the ability to meet those standards required by the R.P.R. to the satisfaction of the State Court Administrator.

II.

"A person appointed by the trial court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 486.01; and who is capable of furnishing the accurate recording of court proceedings by any method including (a) stenographic machine; (b) electronic recording equipment; (c) Pittman shorthand; or (d) any other appropriate and reasonable device; and who is thereafter capable of promptly furnishing an accurate transcript as required by Rule 110.02 of the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

III.

"A person duly appointed and serving as a court reporter as of the date of this order pursuant to M.S. § 486.01 for judges of district court or M.S. § 487.11, Subd. 2, for judges of county court."

Dated: December 24, 1981.

BY THE COURT

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Chief Justice

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