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STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C3-88-1547

Order Establishing Supreme Court Task Force  
on Financing of the Trial Courts

ORDER

WHEREAS, the legislative and judicial branches of government have for more than twenty years worked in partnership to simplify and improve the organization and administration of the Minnesota State Court System;

WHEREAS, the trial courts are supported by a combination of state and county funds;

WHEREAS, 1988 Minn. Laws Chapter 582, Section 2 authorizes the Supreme Court to establish a task force to study the control and financing of the trial courts; and

WHEREAS, the continuing development of a strong, independent and unified judicial branch of state government and the continued assurance of adequate resources for its operations are of vital concern to the citizens of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Supreme Court Task Force on Financing of the Trial Courts be, and hereby is, established to:

1. Describe the current trial court financing system; determine the employees and programs which are covered; identify the costs borne and revenues received by state and local government relating to trial court operations; and define the lines of authority with respect to its administration and financing;
2. Develop alternatives to the current system of financing the trial courts; and
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the current and proposed alternative trial court financing systems.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons be, and hereby are,  
appointed as members of the Supreme Court Task Force on Financing of the Trial  
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. The following persons be, and hereby are, designated as ex-officio/non-voting members of the task force:

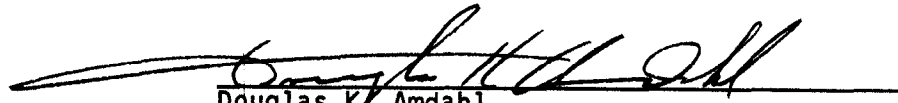
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2. Judith L. Rehak, Esq., Administrative Services Director of the Office of the State Court Administrator, be, and hereby is, designated as staff director of the task force.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the task force report its findings to the Supreme Court and the Legislature by February 1, 1989.

Dated July 20, 1988

  
Douglas K. Amdahl  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
of the State of Minnesota

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