

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C2-87-1089

ORDER ESTABLISHING
MINNESOTA TASK FORCE FOR
GENDER FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS

WHEREAS, recent scholarly investigations in local communities and states of this nation have revealed a pattern of different and unequal treatment of men and women in American legal and judicial systems; and

WHEREAS, such studies have demonstrated that gender based myths, biases and stereotypes operate in the application, interpretation and enforcement of numerous areas of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Judiciary is committed to assuring the equal treatment under law of all Minnesota citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Minnesota Task Force for Gender Fairness in the Courts be, and hereby is, established to:

1. Explore the extent to which gender bias exists in the Minnesota State Court System, by ascertaining whether statutes, rules, practices or conduct work unfairness or undue hardship on women or men in our courts;
2. Document where found the existence of discriminatory treatment of women or men litigants, witnesses, jurors, and of women judicial, legal, and court personnel;
3. Recommend methods to eliminate gender bias in the courts including the development and provision of necessary judicial education, the passage of legislation and the promulgation of court rule and policy revisions;
4. Report the findings of its investigation to this Court by June 30, 1989; and
5. Monitor, thereafter, the implementation of approved reform measures and evaluate their effectiveness in assuring gender fairness in our courts' processes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed as members of the Minnesota Task Force on Gender Fairness in the Courts:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Honorable Rosalie E. Wahl be, and hereby is, designated as Chairperson and that the Honorable Susanne C. Sedgwick be, and hereby is, designated as Vice-Chairperson.

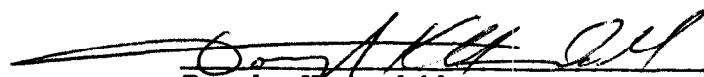
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Norma J. Wikler be, and hereby is, appointed as Task Force Consultant and that Marsha A. Freeman, be, and hereby is, designated as Task Force Reporter.

DATED: June 8, 1987

BY THE COURT

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Douglas K. Amdahl
Chief Justice

WAYNE TSCHIMPERLE
CLERK