

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C5-86-1089

Order Establishing the Minnesota
Judicial Center Public Education
Commission.

WHEREAS, the courts of Minnesota in recent years have evolved rapidly from a loosely organized and autonomous confederation into a consolidated statewide system administered by the Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch of State Government requires broad citizen support and seeks to increase public understanding of the judiciary, its functions, procedures, and services, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a major public facility housing together for the first time the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the State Law Library, the office of the State Court Administrator, the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, and other Supreme Court Boards and Commissions, is expected to be completed in 1989, and

WHEREAS, this magnificent Minnesota Judicial Center will be located on the Capitol Mall and will symbolize the entire third branch of government, the strength and vitality of Minnesota's system of law and the equality of all its citizens before it, and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Minnesota Judicial Center creates a unique opportunity and impetus for the development of a citizens education and awareness outreach program,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Minnesota Judicial Center Public Education Commission be, and hereby is, established. The Commission shall develop a broad information and educational program for implementation in the Minnesota Judicial Center, focusing public attention on the Center as the symbol of the legal and

judicial systems in Minnesota. The program should consist of at least the following components:

1. Opening ceremonies: The Commission shall develop and conduct a dignified program or series of events involving state and local officials, judges, attorneys, and citizens dedicating the new Judicial Center and celebrating the importance of the rule of law in our free society.

2. Education programs: The Commission shall design and supervise the operation of a broad based educational program utilizing media and educational formats best able to capture public interest and convey the living and changing process of the law to our citizens. Audio-visual (film, video or slide) presentations, live lecture series, moot appellate and trial court proceedings, educational brochures, and interactive interpretive exhibits should be considered by the Commission.

3. Public tours: The Commission shall develop a funded or volunteer tour program or self-guiding brochure to introduce Judicial Center visitors to the spaces and functions housed in the building.

In exercising its responsibilities, the Commission should recognize the limited public resources available to support these activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Minnesota Judicial Center Public Education Commission:

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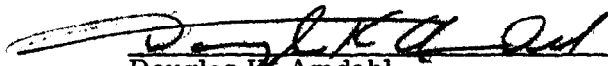
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall report to the Supreme Court on its activities by December 31, 1986, and annually thereafter.

Dated: *June 30, 1986*

BY THE COURT



Douglas W. Amdahl
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