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February 2, 1973

Clerk of the Supreme Court
State Capitol Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the additional \$18 required for my 1973 registration. I apologize for the lateness of my reply, but since I am a VISTA attorney, coming by the additional \$18 was not easy.

In that regard, I would strongly suggest, to the extent the rationale for lower registration fees in some categories is that the financial earnings of those categories are considerably lower than other categories, that this rationale apply to VISTA attorneys who earn approximately \$202 per month after taxes, and that a separate \$7 fee category be created for them. Moreover, in my particular situation, I was not able to benefit from category 4 in the sense that all my brethren who did not have to go into the Armed Services benefited. In that regard, to the extent that the category 5 fee reflects a reward for being in the Armed Services and to the extent the lower fee in category 4 takes into account the usual lower earnings of a starting attorney, then individuals who have been in the Armed Services prior to going into actual practice should be able to benefit from both categories 5 and 4.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



BRUCE A. BENEKE

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Enclosure

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February 8, 1973

The Honorable Oscar R. Knutson
Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Justice Knutson:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 1973, and for your consideration of my request. According to our local VISTA supervisor there are presently nine VISTA attorneys with Legal Assistance of Ramsey County, three VISTA attorneys with Minneapolis Legal Aid, and one VISTA attorney attached to Legal Aid of Duluth, for a total of thirteen.

While I do not know if the number of VISTA attorneys is sufficiently large to necessitate separate categorization for registration fee purposes, it has come to my attention that the Minnesota State Bar Association makes a separate categorization and lower fee charge for VISTA attorneys.

Thank you once again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



BRUCE A. BENEKE

BAB:ad



March 30, 1973

Mr. Bruce A. Beneke
Legal Assistance of Ramsey County, Inc.
20 West Sixth Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Dear Mr. Beneke:

Referring again to your letters of February 2 and 5, the court has had under consideration for some time the matter of permitting those working under the VISTA program the privilege of paying \$7 as a registration fee, instead of \$25.

We have concluded that your request is meritorious and I have instructed the clerk in the future to permit your paying \$7 as long as you are connected with this program. In order that we may know who is with VISTA, you should annually send the clerk the names of those who are eligible for this consideration. Otherwise we have no way of knowing who should be so considered.

I am leaving these letters with the clerk and instructing him that if you will send the names of those who are directly connected with the program to him before the next registration fee becomes payable he will permit you to pay \$7 instead of \$25. I assume all have paid the registration fee for this year, and there is no way we can make a rebate, so the privilege will have to commence with next year. We are not making any change in our rule but are simply handling the matter on an individual basis.

Sincerely yours,

ORK:dm

cc - John McCarthy, Clerk of the Supreme Court ✓

March 27, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO THE COURT

Re: Registration fee -
VISTA attorneys

I wish you would all take a look at this to see
what you think should be done.

ORK:dm

I THINK THE REQUEST
SHOULD BE GRANTED

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I THINK THE REQUEST
SHOULD BE DENIED

