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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Rules for Registration of
Attorneys

PETITION OF THE
MINNESOTA STATE BAR
ASSOCIATION

Petitioner, Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA),
states:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Supreme Court has the inherent
and exclusive power to administer justice and govern the
legal profession, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Client Security Board (Board)
has filed a petition to amend the Rules for Registration of
Attorneys providing for a permanent annual assessment of
\$25.00 on all attorneys licensed in Minnesota to maintain
the balance of the Client Security Fund and to support the
necessary work of the Client Security Board, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA has considered the issue of a
permanent annual assessment at the meetings of the MSBA
Board of Governors on June 28, 1990 and the General
Assembly on June 30, 1990, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA strongly supports the work of the
Client Security Board and the maintenance of the Client
Security Fund, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA Board of Governors and General Assembly voted to amend the Board's petition to provide for a one-year assessment of \$50.00 rather than a permanent annual assessment of \$25.00, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA believes that periodic assessments provide greater emphasis to the problem of attorney theft by focusing the bar's attention on this issue periodically, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA believes that periodic assessments renew and confirm the bar's voluntary contribution to rectifying lawyer defalcations, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA believes that requests for assessments for the Client Security Fund should be made as the need arises, and

WHEREAS, the MSBA believes that a higher, one-year assessment will be adequate to maintain the administration of the Board, continue payments to victims of dishonesty by attorneys and build reserves sufficient to meet short-term future needs while not overburdening attorney licensing fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Minnesota State Bar Association respectfully petitions the Minnesota Supreme Court to accept this Petition to provide for a one-year assessment of \$50.00 on attorneys licensed in Minnesota to maintain the balance of the Client Security Fund and to support the work of the Client Security Board.

DATE: July 28, 1990

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