

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C9-81-1206

**ORDER AMENDING RULE 9 OF THE
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR
REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS**

By Order dated February 23, 2000, this Court solicited comments regarding a proposed change to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for Registration of Attorneys that would authorize public access to attorney registration information in any available format, including a searchable Internet database, an electronic database file, and a printed mailing list. The Court has considered and reviewed the comments submitted and is advised in the premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The attached amendments to Rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for Registration of Attorneys are adopted effective July 1, 2001.
2. No street address of a registered attorney shall be disclosed to the general public in a searchable Internet database until the Clerk of the Appellate Courts has provided the attorney with notice of this order and an opportunity to designate an appropriate address.


Dated: September 24, 2000

BY THE COURT:

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS

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Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice

Rules of the Supreme Court for Registration of Attorneys

Rule 9. ACCESS TO ATTORNEY REGISTRATION RECORDS ~~LIST OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE LAW~~

~~A list of all those who are authorized to practice law in this state shall be available for inspection by the public, provided that names on the list shall not be used for mailing lists, for advertising or other nonofficial use except by a bona fide continuing legal education business and then only upon the grant of a written request and payment of the required fee. Attorney registration records shall be accessible only as provided in this rule.~~

- A. Public Inquiry Concerning Specific Attorney. Upon inquiry, the Clerk of the Appellate Courts may disclose to the public the name, address, admission date, continuing legal education category, current status, and license number of a registered attorney, provided that each inquiry and disclosure is limited to a single registered attorney.
- B. Publicly Available List. The Clerk may also disclose to the public a complete list of the name, city, and zip code of all registered attorneys.
- C. Lists Available to Continuing Legal Education Providers. Upon written request and payment of the required fee, the Clerk may disclose to a bona fide continuing legal education business a complete list of the name, address, admission date, continuing legal education category, current status, and license number of all registered attorneys.
- D. Trust Account Information. Trust account information submitted by attorneys as part of the attorney registration process is not accessible to the public except as provided in the Rules of Lawyer Trust Account Board.