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Mr. Wayne O. Tschimperle
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RE: Petition of the Minnesota State Bar Association for
Appointment of a Committee and Resolution in
Support of Increase in Attorneys Registration Fees

Dear Clerk Tschimperle:

On behalf of the Minnesota State Bar Association, I hereby submit a Petition to the Minnesota Supreme Court requesting that a committee be named to review the discipline process of Minnesota attorneys.

I also enclose a copy of a certified resolution supporting the increase in attorneys registration fees which was adopted by the Minnesota State Bar Association at its convention on June 29, 1984.

Would you please file these with the Court and notify either me or Celene Greene at the address shown on this letter, the times and place for hearing of the matters contained herein.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David S. Doty
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Enclosure

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In Re Petition of the Minnesota
State Bar Association for Order
Appointing a Study Committee on
Lawyer Discipline

PETITION

TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

The Minnesota State Bar Association hereby petitions the Court to name a broad based committee to study the lawyer discipline process, procedures and operations of the Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, to report the results of the study to the Court and the Bar, and, if changes are deemed needed, to recommend such changes for the consideration of the Court.

The lawyer discipline system in place in Minnesota today had its origin in an order of the Minnesota Supreme Court dated December 16, 1970 assessing an annual registration fee for lawyers practicing in the state and dedicating most of the funds produced by the payment of the fee to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board. Over the intervening years the functions of the Board have been expanded, its staff has been greatly increased, and its annual budget has grown severalfold. In order to evaluate the present-day operation of the system, its

performance and cost effectiveness, a periodic review of the system by a committee named by and responsible to the Court seems desirable. If such a committee is named, its review will be the first review by a Minnesota committee, the only other review being one done by an American Bar Association committee in 1981.

The Minnesota Bar Association is informed and believes that the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board adopted a resolution welcoming such a study on June 28, 1984, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference, made a part hereof.

Dated: July 13, 1984.

MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

By


David S. Doty, President

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board was established in 1971 by order of the Minnesota Supreme Court on the recommendation of a study committee appointed by the court to examine the lawyer discipline system then obtaining in Minnesota and to recommend ways and means of improving the system; and

WHEREAS, over the intervening years the functions of the Board have been expanded, its staff has been greatly increased, and its annual budget has grown severalfold; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association, in recommending to the members in convention assembled the adoption of a resolution advising the Minnesota Supreme Court to grant a pending petition to increase the share of the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board in an increased annual attorney registration fee, considered the naming of a committee to examine the administration and funding of the lawyer discipline function in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board, that appointment by the Supreme Court of Minnesota of a study committee to review the administration, the funding, and the policies of the Minnesota lawyer discipline system will be welcomed by the Board.