

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

NO. C1-84-2140

ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCLOSURE  
OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS TO  
BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Supreme Court Board of Law Examiners is studying disciplinary matters involving attorneys who were admitted to practice law since 1982 in order to determine the correlation, if any, between problems evident at the time of application and problems leading to discipline, and to make changes as appropriate in the admission investigative process; and

WHEREAS, there appear to be approximately 19 non-confidential, and an estimated several hundred confidential, disciplinary matters involving attorneys admitted since 1982 for which records are maintained by both the Board of Law Examiners and the Board of Professional Responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Rule 20 of the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility prohibits disclosure of confidential disciplinary matters to the Board of Law Examiners except upon order of this Court; and


WHEREAS, the quantity of non-confidential disciplinary matters is not sufficient to provide an adequate sample for the study being conducted by the Board of Law Examiners while the combination of confidential and non-confidential disciplinary matters would be sufficient to provide an adequate sample for the study; and

WHEREAS, confidential disciplinary matters disclosed to the Board of Law Examiners would retain their confidentiality pursuant to Rule VII of the Rules of the Supreme Court For Admission to the Bar;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all reasonably available information maintained by the Lawyer's Professional Responsibility Board and its Director, as of the date of this order, relating to confidential disciplinary proceedings against attorneys admitted to practice law since 1982, is and shall be disclosed to the Director of the Board of Law Examiners upon the Director's written request, and shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided by the Rules governing the respective Boards.

Dated: March 25, 1991

By the Court

  
A.M. Keith  
Chief Justice

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