

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C6-74-45550

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ORDER AMENDING
MINNESOTA NO-FAULT
ARBITRATION RULES

Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein,

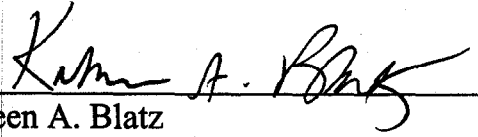
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rule 10 of the Minnesota No-Fault Arbitration Rules is amended effective immediately as follows (additions indicated by underscore; deletions indicated by strikethrough):

Every member of the panel shall be a licensed attorney at law of this state or a retired attorney or judge in good standing. Effective ~~August~~January 1, 2003~~4~~, requirements for qualification as an arbitrator shall be: (1) at least 5 years in practice in this state; (2) at least one-third of the attorney's practice is with auto insurance claims or, for an attorney not actively representing clients, at least one-third of an ADR practice is with motor vehicle claims or not-fault matters; (3) completion of an arbitrator training program approved by the No-Fault Standing Committee prior to appointment to the panel; (4) at least three CLE hours on no-fault issues within their reporting period; and (5) arbitrators will be required to re-certify each year, confirming at the time of recertification that they continue to meet the above requirements. No person shall serve as an arbitrator in any arbitration in which he or she has a financial or personal conflict of interest, whether actual or potential. Under procedures established by the Standing Committee and immediately following appointment to the panel, each member shall be required to disclose any circumstances likely to create a presumption or possibility of bias or conflict that may disqualify the person as a potential arbitrator. Each member shall supplement the disclosures as circumstances require. The following facts, in and of themselves, do not create a presumption of bias or conflict of interest: That an attorney or the attorney's firm represents auto accident claimants against insurance companies, including the insurance

company which is the respondent in the pending matter. That an attorney or an attorney's firm represents or has represented insurance companies.

Dated: September 16, 2003

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen A. Blatz", written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice