

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM07-8001

Order Establishing the Supreme Court
Advisory Committee to Review the
Lawyer Discipline System.

O R D E R

In 1984, this court established the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Lawyer Discipline “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 Bar, and, if changes are needed, to recommend such changes for the consideration of the Court.” The committee reported to the court in April 1985. The report recommended a follow-up study.

After the American Bar Association issued a report recommending changes in the regulation of the legal profession in 1992, we appointed the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Lawyer Discipline and American Bar Association Recommendations to update the report of the earlier advisory committee and to evaluate the ABA recommendations. The committee submitted its report in October 1993. Among its recommendations was that the attorney discipline system should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Although we did not formally act on the recommendation for regular review, we agree with that recommendation. As a starting point to implement that recommendation, we now create a Supreme Court Advisory Committee to Review the Lawyer Discipline System. The committee will be composed of attorneys and lay members and will be charged to review and assess the process, procedures, and operations of the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board and the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility in administering the attorney discipline system in Minnesota and to report its findings and make recommendations for improvements it deems advisable.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. A fifteen-member committee designated as the Supreme Court Advisory Committee to Review the Lawyer Discipline System be, and hereby is, established to carry out the responsibilities described above.
2. The committee shall be composed of twelve attorneys admitted to the practice of law in the State of Minnesota, and three nonattorney lay members.
3. The Minnesota State Bar Association and other interested organizations and individuals may make recommendations to this court on or before March 30, 2007, for appointment to the committee of attorney and nonattorney members broadly representative of the profession and the public.
4. Recommendations and resumes of attorney and nonattorney candidates shall be sent to Frederick K. Grittner, Supreme Court Administrator and Clerk of

Appellate Courts, 305 Judicial Center, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard,
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155.

Upon receipt of the recommendations and resumes, this court will make such
appointments to the committee as it deems appropriate and in the public interest.

Dated: February 14, 2007

BY THE COURT:

/s/

Russell A. Anderson
Chief Justice