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ORDER REGARDING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF SEALED ARBITRATION AWARDS FOR THE ADR CASE FILE REVIEW

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Review Board requires access to records of arbitration proceedings to conduct case file reviews to determine the level of ADR activity in civil cases; and

WHEREAS, arbitration awards are sealed and inaccessible pursuant to Rule 114.09(e)(3) of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts; and

WHEREAS, the integrity and success of the evaluation process requires knowledge of the filing dates of arbitration awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Sealed arbitration awards shall be accessible to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Review Board upon request only for the purpose of gathering case file information.

DATED: August 12, 1997

BY THE COURT:

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A. M. Keith Chief Justice