

THE SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA 230 STATE CAPITOL SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155

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## CLARIFICATION NOTICE

It has come to the attention of the Supreme Court that several questions have been raised in reference to Supreme Court Order C6-84-2134, dated June 12, 1986, In re Amendment to Rules of Civil Procedure for the District Courts (requiring attorneys to designate civil case type on all pleadings). The following points should serve to clarify the scope of the order.

- This order pertains only to General Civil cases, specifically those actions identified in the June 12, 1986 order as Form 23, Appendix to the Rules of Civil Procedure. Family Court cases and Probate Court cases are not included in the scope of this order.
- Attorneys do not need to indicate a case type on pleadings and other documents filed in Family Court and Probate Court matters. Because Family Court and Probate Court cases are less difficult to categorize than General Civil cases, court administrators and their deputies will continue to report case type indicators for Family Court and Probate Court cases to the State Judicial Information Systems office.
- The civil case type should be written out on the upper right hand corner of the pleading, under the case number, rather than using the number associated with the case types listed on Form 23.
- Counterclaims and all other subsequent pleadings should be designated with the same case type as the complaint, even if they allege another type of action.

BY THE COURT

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Chief Justice

Dated: July 7th , 1986