STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

C9-00-602

IN RE APPIONTMENT TO THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT TASK FORCE ON COURT APPOINTED CIVIL COUNSEL

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Ann Ploetz, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney is hereby appointed to the Task Force on Court Appointed Civil Counsel to replace Gwen Warner, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney.

DATED: April <u>28</u>, 2000

BY THE COURT:

Chief Justice

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WHEREAS, in 1999 the Minnesota Legislature requested the Supreme Court to establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding a system for funding and administering court-appointed attorney functions in civil cases; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the task force is to design a system that is independent from court and county administration and funding and that promotes equal access to justice and equal representation for indigent persons across the state;

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Supreme Court has appointed a Task Force on Court appointed Civil Counsel to:

- (a) Study and make recommendations regarding a system that provides attorneys and related personnel in civil proceedings where indigent persons are entitled to courtappointed counsel.
- (b) Address civil proceedings including civil commitment and proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253B, child protections cases, paternity cases, and guardianship or conservatorship cases,
- (c) Consider the creation of an independent court-appointed attorney board to manage civil court-appointed attorney functions, and
- (d) Make recommendation on other options identified by the task force.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The following individual is hereby appointed as an additional member of the Task Force on Court Appointed Civil Counsel:

Pamela S. Hoopes, Minnesota Disability Law Center

DATED: May 3/__, 2000

BY THE COURT:

Kathleen A. Blatz

Chief Justice