

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

CX-89-1863

PROMULGATION OF AMENDMENT TO
THE GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE FOR
THE DISTRICT COURTS

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Bar Association has petitioned this court to adopt a proposed rule dealing with complex or otherwise protracted litigation, and

WHEREAS, this court has reviewed the recommendation and is fully advised in the premises,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a new rule, Rule 113, General Rules of Practice for the District Courts, be adopted, effective July 1, 1994, as follows:

Rule 113 Assignment of Complex Cases to Single Judge

113.01 Assignment. In any case that the court or parties believe is likely to be complex, or where other reasons of efficiency or the interest of justice dictate, the court may order that all pretrial and trial proceedings shall be heard before a single judge. The court may enter such an order at any time on its own initiative^{or} on the motion of any party. In any case assigned to a single judge pursuant to this Rule that judge shall actively use enhanced judicial management techniques.

113.02 Factors. Factors to be considered in determining whether a case should be assigned to a single judge include the following:

- (1) The number of parties;
- (2) The nature of the claims;
- (3) The anticipated length of trial;
- (4) The likelihood of an unusually high number of pretrial court appearances;
- (5) The presence of novel discovery issues; and
- (6) The absence of effective communication between counsel.

113.03 Motion. A motion for assignment to a single judge shall be made to the chief judge (or his or her designee) of the District in which the case is pending.

Dated: February 3, 1994

BY THE COURT:



Chief Justice

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS

FEB 4 1994

FILED