

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C4-85-1848, C3-90-2360

In Re Programs on
Judicial Improvement

WHEREAS, judges of this state are committed to improving their performance through various quality management techniques, which may include surveying court personnel, attorneys, jurors, litigants and others who have contact with the court system; and

WHEREAS, confidentiality of judicial improvement program records is necessary to ensure participation and frank discussion of individual judicial performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Information in judicial improvement program records identifying any individual responding to a survey or from which the identity of any such individual or any other characteristic that could uniquely identify any such individual is ascertainable shall not be disclosed to any judge who is the subject of the survey, and all such identifying information shall be destroyed as soon as possible.
2. All information collected, created, maintained, received or disseminated as part of a judicial improvement program shall be confidential, shall not be subject to discovery in any proceeding, and, subject to paragraph 1 of this order, shall not be disclosed to any person except the judge who is the subject of the information and the person or persons specifically identified in the improvement program plan as needing access in order to effectuate the process.

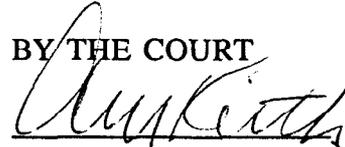
Dated: January 11, 1996

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A. M. Keith
Chief Justice