

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS

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C9-85-1506

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ORDER

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District has notified the Supreme Court of the existence of a vacancy in a referee position in the Second Judicial District resulting from the retirement of the Honorable James Finley;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District has requested the conversion of the vacant referee position to a judgeship and has indicated that the conversion of the position will not reduce the total number of judges and referees hearing cases in the family and juvenile courts;

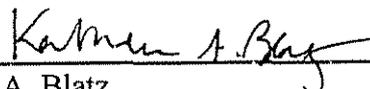
WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has considered the weighted caseload indication of judicial need;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §2.722, Subd. 4a (1995) that:

1. The vacant referee position shall be converted to a new judgeship position and
2. The judicial vacancy in the Second Judicial District shall be, and hereby is, certified to the Governor to be filled in the manner provided by law.

Dated: June 9, 2004

BY THE COURT:



Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice