



Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy

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I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch that litigation involving the Judicial Branch shall be managed and resolved efficiently and in a manner appropriate to the case.

II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

Implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the State Court Administrator.

III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

- a. Approval of settlement of workers' compensation claims shall be by a panel of three judges familiar with workers' compensation.
- b. Approval of the settlement of small claims involving amounts equal to or less than the jurisdictional limit of conciliation court shall be approved by the State Court Administrator, in consultation with the Chief Judge or designee of the affected district or appellate court.
- c. Approval of the settlement of claims in litigation other than workers' compensation or small claims under the jurisdictional limit of conciliation court shall be by a panel of three judges. Cases involving settlement amounts of \$50,000 or more, or involving changes in policy or practice, shall be submitted to the Judicial Council for final approval.
- d. The State Court Administrator shall report settlements to the Judicial Council on a quarterly basis.