STATE OF MINNESOTA IN DISTRICT COURT

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 31

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND EXAMINER IN PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE MINNESOTA COMMITMENT ACT

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On September 6, 1996, the judges of the Eighth Judicial District adopted the following procedures for appointment of a second examiner in proceedings governed by the Minnesota Commitment Act.

(1) Upon receipt of a commitment petition, the Court Administrator's office shall arrange for an examination of the proposed patient selecting an examiner from a list supplied by the Court.

(2) The examination shall be conducted as soon as possible and a written report shall be submitted to the Court by the examiner at least two business days prior to the hearing, and earlier if possible. The Court Administrator's office shall immediately fax a copy of the report to counsel.

(3) Upon review of the report, the respondent's attorney may request a second examination. The respondent's attorney shall be given a copy of the list of examiners and shall be given the opportunity to arrange for a second examination.

(4) If the proposed patient cannot be examined or if the reports of examination cannot be prepared and submitted within 14 days of the filing of the petition, the Court Administrator's office may reschedule the hearing for a date after which the reports of examination are filed but no later than 44 days from the date the petition was filed.

Dated: September 6, 1996

Bruce W. Christopherson
Chief Judge
Eighth Judicial District