

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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FAMILY COURT DIV.  
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HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT  
COURT ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

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**Standing Order Regarding  
County Attorney Files on Contempt Calendar**

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This matter came before Referee Kevin McGrath on January 14, 2010.

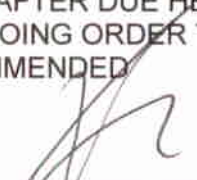
**FINDINGS AND ORDER**

1. Family Court Public Defenders are appointed in actions to hold parties in constructive civil contempt if the party meets certain income guidelines.
2. In order to effectively represent clients and in order to improve judicial efficiency, it has been requested that the Family Court Public Defenders be provided access to the files of the County Attorney prior to the formal appointment of the Family Court Public Defender in certain cases.
3. The Family Court Public Defender and the County Attorney agree that the sharing of information will improve judicial efficiency and allow the parties represented by the Family Court Public Defender more effective representation.
4. The County Attorney is authorized to release case information to the Family Court Public Defender prior to the Public Defender's formal appointment by the Court.
5. If after review of the information and meeting with the potential client, the Family Court Public Defender or the Court determines that the party is not eligible for the services of the Family Court Public Defender, the Public Defender shall return any documentation to the County Attorney's office.
6. A copy of this Order shall be distributed to the Family Court Public Defender and the office of the Hennepin County Attorney.

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Dated: *1-15-10*

THE FOREGOING FACTS WERE FOUND  
BY ME AFTER DUE HEARING AND THE  
FOREGOING ORDER THEREON IS  
RECOMMENDED

  
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Kevin McGrath  
Referee of District Court

FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER  
APPROVED AS OF DATE HEARD

  
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Tanja K. Manrique  
Judge of District Court