

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Standing Order re Referral of Contested Trust Matters to Civil Division Judges

Whereas, in the Fourth Judicial District, the Probate/Mental Health Division now has four judicial officers, three of whom preside over probate cases; and

Whereas, the schedule of mandatory calendars in both Probate and Mental Health has become increasingly demanding; and

Whereas, complex trust litigation has become progressively difficult to manage given the high volume of motions, responses, and other counter petitions filed in contested trust cases that require judicial consideration; and

Whereas, the Probate/Mental Health Division has requested that contested trust cases be assigned to a civil division judge when any objection is filed in the case making the matter contested; and

Whereas, Civil Division judges have the expertise and ability to manage such contested cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT, upon filing of an objection in a trust matter, such “contested trust case” shall be referred to a Civil Division judge for assignment pursuant to the Trust Log maintained in the Civil Division. Probate Administration shall process all eFS filings and retain monitoring of trust cases after disposition.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: November 8, 2017

Ivy S. Bernhardson
Chief Judge of District Court