

State of Minnesota

District Court

County of Ramsey

Second Judicial District

62-CV-09-8681

In Re: LLC Representation in District Court ¹

Corporations cannot appear in district court without a licensed attorney pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 481.02 subd. 2 (2010). This statute has not been amended since first promulgated.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has since held that corporations, regardless of one or multiple shareholders, must be represented by a licensed attorney when appearing in district court, *Nicollet Restoration, Inc. v. Turnham*, 486 N.W.2d 753 (Minn. 1992).

Furthermore, in *301 Clifton Place LLC v. 301 Clifton Place Condominium Assn.*, 783 N.W.2d 551 (Minn. App. 2010) and *University Auto Sales v. AAMCO & Maggett Transmission*, Minn. Ct. App. December 14, 2010 (unpublished), the Minnesota Court of Appeals held that Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs) shall be represented by a licensed attorney when appearing in district court.

Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered That:

A licensed attorney must represent any LLC appearing in the District Court of the Second Judicial District.

May 2, 2025

By the Court:

Sara Grewing
Chief Judge of District Court

¹ The Minnesota Judicial Branch has republished this order to make it digitally accessible. There were no substantive changes. This order was previously signed by Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin on February 16, 2011, and this order is effective on that date.