

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
ADM19-8002



ORDER ESTABLISHING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING ON LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONAL PILOT PROJECT

This court established the Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project to evaluate the expanded use of legal paraprofessionals in Minnesota courts. This pilot project was put into effect by promulgating amendments to the Supervised Practice Rules, which were effective as of March 1, 2021, and have subsequently been amended by further court orders. *See* Order Implementing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002 (Minn. filed Sept. 29, 2020); Order Amending Rules Governing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002 (Minn. filed Dec. 9, 2021); Order Establishing Public Hearing and Promulgating Amendments to Rules Governing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002 (Minn. filed Apr. 1, 2022); Order Amending Rules Governing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002 (Minn. filed Jun. 16, 2022); Order Amending Rules Governing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002 (Minn. filed Oct. 6, 2022).

The pilot project is currently set to expire on March 31, 2024. Order Establishing Public Hearing and Promulgating Amendments to Rules Governing Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, No. ADM19-8002, Order at 3 (Minn. filed Apr. 1, 2022). The Standing Committee for the Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, which was directed to administer the pilot project, was ordered to file a final status report on the pilot project, including

recommendations for continuation, abandonment, or modification of the pilot project, or for permanent codification of the rules for the pilot project. *Id.* On January 12, 2024, the Standing Committee filed its final status report, making numerous recommendations, including that the pilot project be made permanent and that its scope be expanded. The Committee's final report is available on the public access site for the Minnesota Appellate Courts, under case number ADM19-8002 – Final Report and Recommendations to the Minnesota Supreme Court from the Standing Committee for Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project (filed Jan. 12, 2024).

The court will consider the Committee's report and recommendations after providing a period for public comment and a public hearing. The pilot project will also be extended through August 31, 2024, so as to allow for the court's consideration of the report and recommendations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Any person or organization wishing to provide written comments in response to the Committee's final report shall file those comments with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, using the appellate courts' e-filing application, E-MACS, if required to do so. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 125.01(a). All comments shall be filed so as to be received by the Clerk's office no later than April 8, 2024.

2. A hearing will be held before this court. The hearing will take place in the Supreme Court Courtroom, State Capitol, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on June 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. Any person or organization who wishes to make a presentation at the hearing shall file a request to appear along with their public comment, which shall include a copy of any

material to be presented at the public hearing. This shall be filed with the Clerk of the Appellate Courts, using the appellate courts' e-filing application, E-MACS, if required to do so. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 125.01(a). All requests and accompanying materials shall be filed so as to be received by the Clerk's office no later than April 8, 2024.

3. The pilot project is extended through August 31, 2024.

Dated: February 9, 2024

BY THE COURT:



Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice