

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8008

ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

On July 11, 2012, the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners (BLE) petitioned our court to amend Rule 10 of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota to authorize lawyers licensed as house counsel to provide pro bono legal representation to pro bono clients through an approved legal services provider. The court received written comments from the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Office of General Counsel for 3M, and a joint submission from corporate counsel from United Health, Medtronic, Target, and Mayo Clinic.

The court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The attached amendments to the Rules for Admission to the Bar be, and the same are, prescribed and promulgated to be effective on February 1, 2013.

	2.	The 1	Rules	for	Admission	to	the	Bar,	as	amended	effective	February	1,
2013, shall be posted on the website of the Board of Law Examiners.													

Dated: January 17, 2013 BY THE COURT:

________Lorie S. Gildea Chief Justice

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

In the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words and additions by a line drawn under the words.

RULE 9. ADMISSION BY TEMPORARY HOUSE COUNSEL LICENSE

D. Limitation. A license issued pursuant to this Rule authorizes the holder to practice solely for the employer designated in the affidavit required by Rule 9C(3), except that the lawyer is authorized to provide "pro bono legal representation" to a "pro bono client" referred to the lawyer through an "approved legal services provider" as these phrases are defined in Rule 2S, Rule 2R, and Rule 2B, respectively, of the Rules of the Supreme Court for Continuing Legal Education of the Bar.

RULE 10. ADMISSION BY HOUSE COUNSEL LICENSE

D. Limitation. A license issued pursuant to this Rule authorizes the holder to practice solely for the employer designated in the Rule 10C(3) affidavit, except that the lawyer is authorized to provide "pro bono legal representation" to a "pro bono client" referred to the lawyer through an "approved legal services provider" as these phrases are defined in Rule 2S, Rule 2R, and Rule 2B, respectively of the Rules of the Supreme Court for Continuing Legal Education of the Bar.

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