

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

FILE NO. 81-300

In Re Modification of Canon 3A(7) of
the Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct.

WCCO Radio, Inc., et al,

Petitioners.

NOTICE TO FILE PROPOSED AGENDA AND WITNESS LIST

TO: Petitioners and other interested parties:

The Minnesota Advisory Commission on Cameras in the Courtroom met at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on Friday, August 21, 1981, to determine the deadline for filing proposed agendas and witness lists in the above-entitled matter.


Pursuant to Commission Rule 4.01, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an original and five copies (8-1/2 x 11) of a proposed agenda and witness list must be filed with the Clerk of Supreme Court no later than September 10, 1981.

DATED: August 25, 1981.

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John S. Pillsbury, Jr., Chairperson
Minnesota Advisory Commission on
Cameras in the Courtroom, established
by Order of the Supreme Court dated
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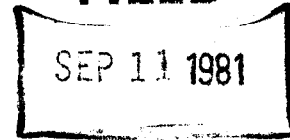
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Mr. John S. Pillsbury, Jr., Chairperson
Minnesota Advisory Commission on
Cameras in the Courtroom



Re: Proposed Agenda

JOHN McCARTHY
CLERK

Dear Commissioner Pillsbury:

Please find enclosed Petitioners' Proposed Agenda relating to the upcoming hearings before your Commission.

The proposed agenda may not be complete, by any means. Presumably the Commission will have witnesses from whom it wishes to hear in addition to those set forth in the Proposed Agenda.

For that reason, I thought I would also offer a list of optional witnesses, who would be able to testify on a variety of subjects in addition to those touched upon by those witnesses identified in the Proposed Agenda.

Petitioners do not contemplate that all or even a majority of these optional witnesses will be called for obvious reasons of efficiency and economy.

With all this in mind, Petitioners respectfully submit the following areas of optional testimony:

OPTIONAL TESTIMONY

1. COMMISSION ON STATE COURTS

Subject: Description of study performed on national status of broadcast and photographic coverage of state courts.

Comments: The results of this study are contained in a recently published book. A similar study has been prepared by the Radio and Television News Directors Association (RTNDA), and has been made available to the Commission. Thus, the author's testimony may not be necessary.

2. RTNDA VIDEOTAPE

Subject: This videotape presentation, prepared in conjunction with the A.B.A., charts the history and present condition of the use of broadcast and photographic equipment in various state courts. This is not a survey, or an exhaustive summary of the present

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status of rules concerning broadcast and
photographic coverage.

Time: Thirty minutes.

3. TESTIMONY OF REPORTERS

Subject: If the Commission desires, Petitioners would be able to offer testimony of reporters who would actually be operating under the guidelines. However, testimony of news directors is already anticipated under Petitioners' Proposed Agenda.

4. SURVEYS OF WISCONSIN EXPERIMENT

Subject: Although Petitioners have not yet contacted the authors, they believe that certain studies of the Wisconsin experiment have been conducted in an academic context. When and if these studies are located, Petitioners will inform the Commission.

5. RESULTS OF WISCONSIN EXPERIMENT

Subject: It is possible that several persons might be able to supply this Commission with their views of the Wisconsin experience. The possible witnesses might include Wisconsin's Chief Justice Beilfuss, Wisconsin trial court judges, members of the committee which studied the results of Wisconsin's experiment and representatives of Wisconsin's media. Petitioners have not yet spoken to any of these potential witnesses.

Obviously, transporting these witnesses to Minnesota would quickly become prohibitively expensive. Thus, petitioners would respectfully suggest that some alternative to live testimony be devised. Alternatives include the combination of written or videotaped statements with other methods of direct communications, such as direct conference telephone calls.

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6. EXPERIMENTATION WITH DIFFERENT COVERAGE MODES

Subject: If the Commission desires, Petitioners would be willing to participate in experiments directed to the technical coverage aspects of the guidelines. For example, variations in the number of cameras and microphones utilized and changes in their position could be made during different sessions of the Commission hearings. In addition, it may be possible to provide live coverage of a portion of the hearings. Such experiments would give the Commission valuable experience in ascertaining the impact of the presence of cameras and microphones in a courtroom setting. This experience would be further strengthened by holding some hearing sessions in an actual courtroom setting.

7. EXPERIMENTATION WITH ACTUAL NEWS COVERAGE

Subject: It may be possible to actually demonstrate to the Commission the differences Petitioners perceive in news coverage with and without broadcast and photographic access to courts. For example, a news reporter might prepare news reports on the Commission hearings using the available broadcast technology, and prepare a report on a portion of the hearings using the methods presently available.

This list of alternative witnesses is by no means exclusive. As preparation for the hearings begins, other possibilities may well present themselves. However, in order to prepare for our meeting on September 21, 1981, I thought I would bring some of these ideas to your attention.

Very truly yours,



Paul R. Hannah

PRH/ljt
Enc.

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6 Modification of Canon 3A(7) of the
7 Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct

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9 WCCO FM, Inc.; WTCN Television, Inc.;
10 United Television, Inc.-KMSP-TV; KTTC
11 Television, Inc.; Hubbard Broadcasting,
12 Inc.; Northwest Publications, Inc.;
13 Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company;
14 Minnesota Public Radio, Inc.; Twin
15 Cities Public Television, Inc.; Minnesota
16 Broadcasters Association; Minnesota News-
17 paper Association; Radio and Television
18 News Directors Association, Minnesota
19 Chapter; and Sigma Delta Chi/Society
20 of Professional Journalists, Minnesota
21 Chapter,

22 Petitioners.

PROPOSED AGENDA
FOR COMMISSION
HEARINGS

23 -----
24 1. LAW AND THE PETITION

25 Witness: Paul Hannah

26 Subject: Review and background of case law.
27 Review and discussion of particular
28 provisions of the petition and
guidelines.

Time: Thirty minutes.

2. INTRODUCTION TO MINNESOTA EXPERIENCE

Witness: Curtis Beckmann - WCCO AM Radio

Subject: Review history of the issue in Minnesota.

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Overview of testimony to be presented.

Time: Thirty minutes.

3. ELECTRONIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC FUNDAMENTALS

A. VIDEO

Witness: Stan Turner - KSTP-TV

Subject: Testimony regarding and demonstrations of videotaping equipment in the courtroom and of pooling and recording equipment outside the courtroom.

Time: Forty-five minutes.

B. AUDIO

Witness: Mark Durenberger - Audio Consultant

Subject: Testimony regarding and demonstration of audio equipment in the courtroom and of pooling and recording equipment outside the courtroom. Discuss use of existing courtroom sound system.

Time: Forty-five minutes.

C. PHOTOGRAPHIC

Witness: Earl Siebert - Minneapolis Tribune.

Subject: Testimony regarding and demonstration of photographic equipment suitable for courtroom use.

Time: Thirty minutes.

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1 4. POOLING CONCEPT

2 Witness: Curtis Beckmann - WCCO AM Radio.

3 Subject: Discussion of the concept of pooling
4 coverage. Review of results of
5 experimental pooling arrangement in
6 Supreme Court. Describe function of
7 media coordinators in Minnesota's
8 ten judicial districts.

9 Time: Thirty minutes.

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11 5. COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION-COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

12 Witnesses: Several radio and television news directors.

13 Subject: These radio and television news directors
14 will generally describe the radio and
15 television coverage which would result
16 from a broadcast and photographic presence
17 in Minnesota trial courts.

18 Time: Two to three hours.

19 6. MINNESOTA PUBLIC RADIO-COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

20 Witness: Rick Lewis - Manager, KSJN

21 Subject: Mr. Lewis will discuss the news and public
22 affairs formats which are provided by
23 Minnesota Public Radio, and will describe
24 the ways in which broadcast coverage of
25 Minnesota's trial courts might be used
26 in those formats.

27 Time: Forty-five minutes.

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1 7. TWIN CITIES PUBLIC TELEVISION-KTCA/KTCI-COVERAGE ISSUES

2 Witness: William Kobin - President

3 Subject: Mr. Kobin will testify concerning the
4 KTCA/KTCI commitment to the concept
5 of broadcast coverage of Minnesota's
6 courts.

7 Time: Forty-five minutes.

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9 8. PRINT JOURNALISTS-COVERAGE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

10 Witness: John Finnegan - St. Paul Dispatch/Pioneer Press.
11 Charles Bailey - Minneapolis Tribune.

12 Subject: These senior editors will testify con-
13 cerning their commitment to broadcast
14 and photographic coverage of Minnesota's
15 trial courts, and will discuss the con-
16 cept of pooling for photographers.

17 Time: One hour.


18 9. EPILOGUE

19 Witness: Paul Hannah

20 Subject: Overview of testimony and argument.

21 Time: Thirty minutes.

22 Dated: September 10, 1981 OPPENHEIMER, WOLFF, FOSTER,
23 SHEPARD AND DONNELLY

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THE MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
THE SUPREME COURT
123 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155

August 25, 1981

RE: Modification of Canon 3A(7) of the Minnesota
Code of Judicial Conduct - WCCO Radio, Inc.,
et al petitioners (Mn. Supreme Court File
No. 81-300)

Enclosed herewith is a Notice to file a Proposed Agenda and Witness List in the above entitled action.

By way of explanation, the Supreme Court, by Order dated August 10, 1981, named a Commission consisting of Rosemary M. Ahmann, Sidney E. Kaner and myself "to study the matters contained in the petition filed with this court" and issued rules governing the actions of the Commission.

The Commission held its first meeting on August 21, 1981, elected me Chairperson, and in accordance with Rule 4.01 directed me to cause a Notice to be sent to "all interested parties that they must file a proposed agenda and witness list with the Commission within a specified time period". The Commission has set September 10, 1981 as the termination of the time period.

While the only "interested parties" to appear at the hearing on August 6, 1981 in response to the Order to Show Cause were the petitioners, the Commission decided that the enclosed Notice should be sent to the heads of a comprehensive list of organizations, including yours, which the Commission believed might have an interest in this action.

Accordingly, if your organization desires to be regarded as an "interested party". please respond to this Notice in the manner prescribed. If, on the other hand, your organization has no desire to be involved in the action, it would be a courtesy to the Commission if you would so advise us.

After the time period for filing agendas and witness lists has expired, the Commission, in accordance with Rule 4.02, will set up a conference of the

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Commission and representatives of those parties seeking to appear before the Commission. At that conference an agenda and witness list will be adopted. It is tentatively planned to set this conference for September 21 at 1:30 pm.

The Chief Justice has assigned Ms. Deb Regan to be Clerk for the Commission. She may be reached at the address on the letterhead or at (612)296-8576, and I would suggest that any questions you may have be directed first to her. If she is unable to provide the information you want, she will put you in touch with a member of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

John S. Pillsbury, Jr., Chairperson
For the Commission

JSP:bp

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Notice to file a proposed agenda and witness list was mailed to the following with the cover letter attached:

Mr. Clinton A. Schroeder, President
Minnesota State Bar Association
100 Minnesota Federal Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

The Honorable John M. Fitzgerald, President
Minnesota District Judges Association
Scott County Courthouse
Shakopee, Minnesota 55379

The Honorable William B. Christensen, President
Municipal Judges Association
Hennepin County Government Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487

The Honorable Peter J. Lindberg, President
Minnesota County Judges Association
Sixth Floor, Courts Tower
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487

Mr. Adrian E. Herbst, President
Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association
459 Rice Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Mr. Norton Armour, Chairman
Joint Bar, Press, Radio and TV Committee
425 Portland Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Mr. Ronald Schneider, President
Minnesota County Attorneys Association
Box 876
Willmar, Minnesota 56201

Mr. Richard Pemberton, President
Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
110 North Mill
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

EXHIBIT "A"

August 25, 1981

American Civil Liberties Union
Minnesota Affiliate
628 Central Avenue NE
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

- * The Honorable Hyam Segell
Judge of District Court
1409 Ramsey County Courthouse
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

- * At the request of Chief Justice Sheran

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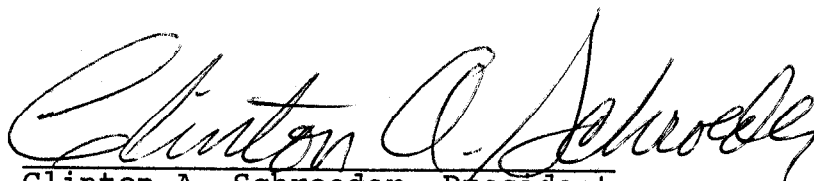
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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

Presentation of Summary of Past Actions by Committee and
1980 Convention General Assembly of the Minnesota State
Bar Association.

WITNESS: President of the Minnesota State Bar
Association (or another officer acting as his alternate).

DATED: September 9, 1981



Clinton A. Schroeder, President
Minnesota State Bar Association

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WCCO Radio, Inc., et al,

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The undersigned proposes to read a prepared statement which will include all resolutions adopted by the Minnesota State District Judges Association and the Minority Report of the Minnesota State Bar Association adopted at its convention in June, 1980.

By way of evidence, the undersigned would offer a certified transcript of the remarks of unnamed jurors concerning cameras in all cases tried by this Court between March 24, 1978, and March 25, 1980, as well as the affidavit of a non-appearing witness, the Honorable Thomas E. Sholts, Circuit Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, certifying to the authenticity of his report to the Supreme Court of Florida regarding the conduct of audio-visual trial coverage in the case of *State of Florida v. Mark Herman*.

WITNESS LIST

Judge Hyam Segell,

Judge Thomas E. Sholts (non-appearing witness).

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HYAM SEGELL

Judge of District Court
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1409 Court House
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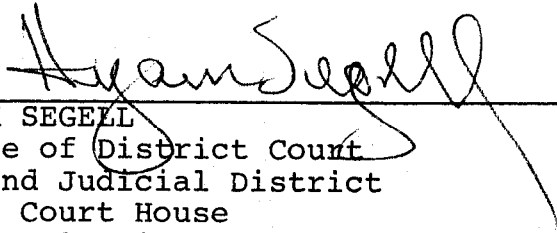
SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS LIST

WCCO Radio, Inc., et al,

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SUPPLEMENTARY WITNESS LIST

Justice Jack G. Day



HYAM SEGELL
Judge of District Court
Second Judicial District
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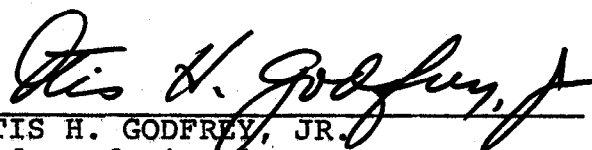
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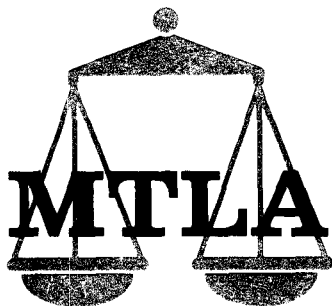
Please be advised that the undersigned proposes to read a prepared statement concerning the subject of cameras in the courtroom, which would generally be in support of the adopted position of the Minnesota State District Judges Association and the Minnesota State Bar Association from and after June, 1980.

WITNESS LIST

Judge Otis H. Godfrey, Jr.


OTIS H. GODFREY, JR.
Judge of District Court
1539 Court House
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

DATED: September 3, 1981



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September 10, 1981

MR. JOHN R. PILLSBURY
Commission of Cameras in the Courtroom
Clerk of the Supreme Court
STATE CAPITOL
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55115

RE: HEARING ON MODIFICATION OF CANON 3A(7)

Dear Mr. Pillsbury:

Please be advised that the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association would like to add the name of Ms. Carol Grant, Minneapolis, to our Proposed Agenda and Witness List for the Hearing tentatively scheduled for September 21. Ms. Grant will appear in addition to Mr. Charles T. Hvass.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jane L. Schoenike
Jane L. Schoenike

JLS:ja

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Proposed Agenda and Witness List

Please be advised that the undersigned proposes to appear on behalf of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association concerning the position of the Board of Governors and Membership of MTLA on modification of Canon 3A(7) - Cameras in the Courtroom.

Witness List

1. Charles T. Hvass, Jr., President MTLA

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND DISTRICT
SAINT PAUL 55102



HYAM SEGELL
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

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JOHN McCARTHY,
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Dear Mr. Pillsbury:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I sent to you on September 23rd which apparently went astray. I would also like to confirm our conversation wherein I advised you that Joel Hirshhorn, an attorney in Miami Florida who handled the argument on the *Chandler* case in the United States Supreme Court, would like to appear and testify. As I understand it, he has volunteered to appear at his own expense. I do believe that he would have some interesting things to tell the Commission about his experiences in Florida.

Your consideration and the consideration of the other Commission members of these matters is most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hyam Segell".

HYAM SEGELL,

Judge.

HS/sj

Enc.

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September 23, 1981

Mr. John S. Pillsbury, Jr., Chairman
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123 State Capitol Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Pillsbury:

I have been in touch with both Judge Day and Judge Sholts, and both of them are willing to come to Saint Paul to testify. I would appreciate it if Judge Sholts could be on the agenda on the morning of October 13. Judge Day is scheduled to hear appellate matters on both the 12th and 13th and 20th and 21st and requested that I make an effort to schedule him on the 5th or 6th, if possible. I told him that the petitioners intended to occupy those two days, but that I would make an effort to accommodate him and see if he could be taken out of order. If this cannot be done, he did indicate that he would get someone to cover for him on one of the other days during which the Commission has hearings. If the 5th or 6th are not suitable perhaps he could come on the 13th with Sholts.

This letter will also serve to formalize my request for travel expenses for these two judges, which, according to my generous estimate, should not exceed \$840.00 for both. We really expect that they will be considerably less than that, but it depends somewhat on the application of the Super-Saver Fares.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, both in regard to the appearances of these people, as well as approval of their travel expenses.

Sincerely yours,

HYAM SEGELL,

Judge.

HS/sj



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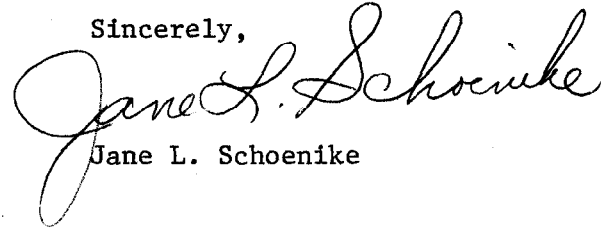
Dear Mr. Pillsbury:

Please be advised that Mr. Charles T. Hvass, Jr. will appear on behalf of the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association at the proposed Commission conference which is tentatively scheduled for September 21 at 1:30 p.m.

For your records, Mr. Hvass, Jr. is the current president of MTLA. You may remove Mr. Herbst's name. Charles T. Hvass's address is: 715 Cargill Building, Mpls., Minn. 55402.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of the agenda and witness list as soon as it is possible.

Sincerely,


Jane L. Schoenike

JLS:lw

cc: Charles T. Hvass, Jr.

DISTRICT COURT OF MINNESOTA
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NEW ULM, MINNESOTA 56073
TELEPHONE 354-2014

September 10, 1981

NOAH S. ROSENBLUM
JUDGE

MINNESOTA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM
123 State Capitol Building
St. Paul, Mn 55155
ATTENTION: John S. Pillsbury, Jr. - Chairperson

Dear Mr. Pillsbury:

I would like an opportunity to appear and testify before the Commission concerning its inquiry. I understand that a date has not yet been, but will shortly be, set at which you will commence your proceedings.

My testimony should not require more than approximately 20 minutes time as I envision what I would like to say. However, I do not know how long would be required in addition to respond to any questions the Commission may have after my remarks.

I represent no group. My interest stems from my 18 years as an active trial judge of the District Court; and I have been a member of the Minnesota District Judges Association Committee on fair trial and the media which is the District Judges' group concerned with this problem.

Please make an appropriate inclusion on your agenda and advise me of the time and place at which I am to appear.

Very truly yours,


Noah S. Rosenbloom

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CLERK


Dear Ms. Regan:

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association may wish to present its position on "cameras in the courtroom" to the advisory commission. We do not, as yet, have a designated representative. Further, while the Association has been generally against further intrusions into courtroom litigation by video equipment, that position has not been reconsidered in the last several years.

Therefore, we would ask to reserve about 10-15 minutes of the Commissioner's time, on a date scheduled after the date of the next Association Board meeting, September 25, 1981. Until such time as the Association designates a representative, correspondence concerning this matter may be directed to me.

I understand from our telephone conversation that this request should not present a problem, but if something does occur, please let me know.

Sincerely,



David W. Larson
Executive Director

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