

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM19-8002

ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONAL PILOT PROJECT

On March 2, 2020, the Implementation Committee for the Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project filed its report recommending that a pilot project be established to evaluate the expanded use of legal paraprofessionals in providing legal services in two substantive legal areas: landlord-tenant disputes and family law disputes. In addition, the committee recommends the adoption of rules to govern the pilot project, the appointment of a standing committee to monitor and evaluate the pilot project, and the development of a communication plan to foster awareness of the pilot project.

We opened a public comment period and also scheduled a public hearing, on August 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., on the committee's recommendations. Written comments have been filed and four requests to speak at the hearing have been filed.

Based on the report, written comments, and requests to speak,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing on August 11, 2020 will be held remotely, and shall proceed as follows.

1. The Honorable John R. Rodenberg, co-chair of the Implementation Committee for the Legal Paraprofessional Pilot Project, shall proceed first and shall have up to 15 minutes of time to present the report and recommendations of the committee.

- 2. Jamie L. Holzer, on behalf of Minnesota Paralegal Association, shall proceed next and shall have 10 minutes to present the comments of the organization.
- 3. Lori J. Boris, on behalf of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, shall proceed next and shall have 10 minutes to present the comments of the organization.
- 4. Luke Grundman, on behalf of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, shall proceed next and shall have 10 minutes to present the comments of the organization.
- 5. Peter A. Swanson, attorney at law, shall proceed next and shall have 10 minutes to present his comments.
- 6. The Clerk of the Appellate Courts is directed to provide instructions to the speakers for a remote hearing conducted via WebEx.

Dated: July 27, 2020

BY THE COURT:

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Lorie S. Gildea Chief Justice