

## STATE OF MINNESOTA

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IN SUPREME COURT

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In Re Minnesota Asbestos Litigation

## ORDER

By order of this court dated November 10, 1993, the Honorable J. Thomas Mott of the Second Judicial District was assigned to hear and decide all asbestos-related claims brought in Minnesota state courts. Due to the press of other judicial duties, Judge Mott has requested reassignment of those cases. Accordingly, the cases will be reassigned to a different judge (the consolidation judge). In addition, as contemplated in the original consolidation order of December 14, 1987, the consolidation judge may determine that trial of some or all of the asbestos cases should take place before a judge of district in which the cases are venued. In the interest of consistent, efficient and economical trial of these cases, a single judge in each of the affected districts will be appointed to preside over remaining pretrial and trial proceedings in cases designated by the consolidation judge.

Based upon all the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 480.16 and 2.724 (2000) and Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 113.03, that the Honorable Michael T. DeCourcy of the Second Judicial District, having consented, is hereby appointed effective December 3, 2001, to hear and decide all matters, including all pretrial and trial proceedings, in all presently pending and future actions before Minnesota state district courts, whether relating to personal injury, death or property damage, that arise from or seek recovery for the manufacture, distribution, use or exposure to asbestos and asbestos-containing products under the same terms and conditions as provided in the judicial assignment order of this court dated December 14, 1987.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 480.16 and 2.274 and Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 113.03 and 113.02, the following judges are hereby appointed to hear and decide all matters, including all remaining pretrial and trial proceedings, in any of the asbestos-related cases venued within their respective districts that are designated for trial by the consolidation judge.

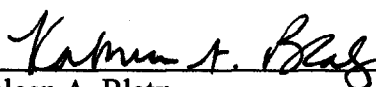
Judge

The Honorable Timothy J. McManus  
The Honorable Ann L. Alton  
The Honorable David P. Sullivan  
The Honorable Richard C. Taylor

District

First Judicial District  
Fourth Judicial District  
Sixth Judicial District  
Ninth Judicial District

Dated: November 16, 2001

  
Kathleen A. Blatz  
Chief Justice