

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C8-98-1335**

**OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS**

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING PARENTAL
COOPERATION TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Legislature at 1998 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 367, Article 1, Section 17, requests that the Minnesota Supreme Court establish a task force to evaluate ways to reduce conflict between parents in proceedings for marriage dissolution, annulment, or legal separation and to study the concept of parenting plans; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court wishes to honor the Legislature's request for establishment of an advisory task force to carry out such an evaluation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Parental Cooperation Task Force is established.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Task Force shall:

1. Research, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding ways to reduce conflict between parents in marriage dissolution, annulment, legal separation, and paternity proceedings;
2. Research, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the use of parenting plans as a tool for encouraging cooperation between parents relating to their parental obligations, decision-making authority, and schedules for the upbringing of children; as part of its deliberations the Task Force may consider the unofficial engrossment of 1998 H.F. No. 2784, Article 3;
3. Research, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the programs and experiences in other states that have implemented parenting plans; and
4. Research, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the fiscal impact of parenting plans upon parties and the judicial system.

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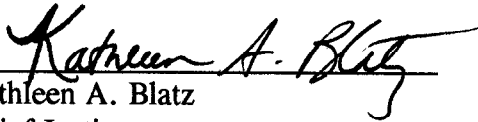
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Honorable Sharon Hall is designated as Chair of the Task Force.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Task Force shall submit the following reports:

1. A Progress Report shall be submitted to the Court by December 15, 1998, and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate Judiciary Committees by January 15, 1999.
2. A Final Report shall be submitted to the Court by December 15, 1999, and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate Judiciary Committees by January 15, 2000.

DATED: August 10, 1998

BY THE COURT:


Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice