

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Court File No. 27-CR-20-12951

Plaintiff,

v.

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
TO FIND KEITH ELLISON & JOHN
STILES IN CONTEMPT OF COURT**

Thomas Kiernan Lane,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF MOTION & MOTION

The defendant, Thomas Lane, through his counsel, Earl P. Gray, at a time and date to be decided by the Court, will move the Court for an Order holding the Attorney General's Office – specifically Keith Ellison and John Stiles – in contempt of court for its violation of the Court's July 9, 2020 Gag Order.

MEMORANDUM

On Monday July 13, 2020 in violation of the Court's Gag Order, the Attorney General's Office, Keith Ellison and John Stiles, emailed to the media the attached email.

The attached email is an obvious violation of the Gag Order. Ellison should be jailed along with Stiles. There is no reason to announce that these so called "super stars" are joining the prosecution and that they're doing it for free. It is an obvious statement to the public that these "super stars" believe that our clients are guilty. Further proof that the news release was done to influence the public is that it was released by John Stiles, who, according to Google, is a chief

strategy officer and builds reputations and brands.

This notice of motion and motion is based on all of the files and records herein.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Earl Gray

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From: John Stiles <John.Stiles@ag.state.mn.us>
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Subject: ELLISON NEWS RELEASE: Seasoned attorneys join AG Ellison's team pro bono in George Floyd case

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Seasoned attorneys join AG Ellison's team *pro bono* in George Floyd case

Includes former acting U.S. Solicitor General Neal Katyal, Minnesota attorneys Lola Velázquez-Aguilu, Jerry Blackwell, and Steve Schleicher

July 13, 2020 (SAINT PAUL) — Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison today announced that four seasoned attorneys and trial lawyers have joined on a *pro bono* basis the prosecution team he leads in the George Floyd case. This team includes attorneys from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

"Out of respect for Judge Cahill's gag order, I will say simply that I've put together an exceptional team with experience and expertise across many disciplines. We are united in our responsibility to pursue justice in this case," Attorney General Ellison said.

The attorneys joining the prosecution team, each of whom Attorney General Ellison has appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General, are:

- **Neal Katyal**, partner at the international law firm Hogan Lovells, and former acting Solicitor General and former Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States.
- **Lola Velázquez-Aguilu**, litigation and investigation counsel for Medtronic, and former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota. During her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, she prosecuted complex multi-defendant, white-collar crimes, including the successful prosecution and trial of several former executives from Starkey Hearing Technologies.
- **Jerry Blackwell**, trial lawyer and founding partner, CEO, and chairman of the Minneapolis law firm Blackwell Burke, P.A. In June 2020, he won a full, first-ever posthumous pardon for Max Mason, who was wrongly convicted of rape in connection with the infamous Duluth lynchings of June 1920.
- **Steven L. Schleicher**, partner at the Minneapolis law firm Maslon LLP; former prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, the Winona County Attorney's Office, and U.S. Army Reserve JAG Corps. In 2016, he led the successful prosecution of the person responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Jacob Wetterling.

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