

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ANOKA

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**STANDING ORDER CONCERNING DISCOVERY TO BE
PROVIDED TO COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL IN CIVIL
COMMITMENT CASES**

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 253B.03 provides that the patient's attorney shall have access to all medical records relevant to the person's commitment; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 253B.07, Subd. 4 provides that the prepetition screening report, the petition, and the examiner's supporting statement shall be distributed to the petitioner, the proposed patient, the patient's counsel, the county attorney, any person authorized by the patient, and any other person as the court directs but the statute is silent concerning distribution of the patient's medical records or any relevant police reports although these documents are often filed with the court in conjunction with the Prepetition Screening Report; and

WHEREAS, the patient's attorney is entitled to all relevant discovery, including medical records and police reports which are typically filed in conjunction with the Prepetition Screening Report; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Anoka County Bench on May 10, 2024 the judges unanimously approved the issuance of a Standing Order requiring Anoka County Court Administration to distribute the patient's medical records and any available police reports to the patient's attorney as part of the Prepetition Screening Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court makes the following order:

1. At the time of case filing or as soon as counsel is appointed for the patient, Anoka County Court administration shall distribute to the patient's attorney a copy of all patient medical records, associated police reports and other documents that are filed in conjunction with the Prepetition Screening Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Larson, Kristin (Anoka
Judge)



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HON. KRISTIN C. LARSON
Chair, Anoka District Court Bench