STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM09-8009

ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS
TO THE GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE FOR
THE DISTRICT COURTS REGARDING MANDATORY E-FILING

The eCourt Steering Committee has recommended certain amendments to the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts regarding the authorization of mandatory e-filing and e-service. The Court has reviewed the proposals and is advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The attached amendments to the General Rules of Practice for the District Courts be, and the same are, prescribed and promulgated to be effective September 1, 2013.
- 2. These amendments shall apply to all actions or proceedings commenced on or after the effective date.

Dated: June 7, 2013

BY THE COURT:

<u>/s/</u>

Lorie S. Gildea Chief Justice

AMENDMENTS TO MINNESOTA GENERAL RULES OF PRACTICE

[Note: Except where indicated otherwise, new material is indicated by underscoring, except committee comments, which are all new; deleted material is indicated by strikethrough]

RULE 14. E-FILING AND E-SERVICE

Rule 14.01. Mandatory and Voluntary E-File and E-Service

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(b) Cases Subject to Mandatory E-Filing and E-Service. Effective September 1, 2012, attorneys representing parties in any case of the Pilot Project Case Types in the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts, and effective September 1, 2013, or ninety (90) days after designation by the State Court Administrator, whichever is later, for attorneys representing parties in any case of the Pilot Project Case types in the districts or portions thereof designated by the State Court Administrator under Rule 14.01(e), and government agencies appearing in such cases, must register promptly upon filing of any document by any party with the Designated Provider and file documents electronically with the court in Pilot Project Case Types. Registered attorneys and government agencies must also electronically serve all documents required or permitted to be served on other registered attorneys and government agencies in that case, provided that the attorney to be served has designated an e-mail address for receiving electronic service in the E-Filing System after the District Court has accepted the initial filing in the case. Electronic filing and electronic service shall be accomplished through the E-Filing System.

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Rule 14.03. Document Format

(a) **Document Types.** Documents filed electronically shall be <u>submitted</u> in <u>searchable</u> one of the following electronic filed formats: Word, WordPerfect, PDF or .tif ("Tiff") format only.