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ORDER GOVERNING PUBLIC ACCESS AND SERVICES AT JUDICIAL BRANCH FACILITIES

O R D E R

The operations of the Minnesota Judicial Branch during the statewide peacetime emergency first declared by the Governor of Minnesota on March 13, 2020, are governed by the order filed on May 15, 2020. *See Operations of the Minnesota Judicial Branch Under Emergency Executive Order Nos. 20-53, 20-56*, No. ADM20-8001 (Minn. filed May 15, 2020). The Judicial Council has determined that the Judicial Branch is now in a transitional phase. Part of the planned, methodical, and gradual expansion of Judicial Branch operations in this transitional phase includes a limited expansion of access to public services in court facilities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. On or before June 15, 2020, access to services at the court public service counters or a clerk's office in the court facility, including services provided through public access terminals, will be available in at least one location in each county in the state of Minnesota unless, subject to the approval of the chief justice, the chief judge for a district extends that date for the counter in a specific county. These public service counters will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In order to comply with the Minnesota Judicial Branch COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, services available at the

counters or public-access terminals may be as scheduled by the court administrator. Access to self-help services will continue to be provided electronically or by telephone until further order of this court. Access to court facilities may be subject to conditions imposed by government entities that own the buildings that house court facilities.

2. The district administrator or the Clerk of the Appellate Courts shall follow the guidelines, distancing, and disinfecting measures in the Minnesota Judicial Branch COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in providing access to court public service counters.

3. The State Law Library will re-open to the public on June 15, 2020. Access to the State Law Library may be by appointment only, and the State Law Librarian, in consultation with the State Court Administrator, can implement additional services, hours, and in-person patron limits for the State Law Library to comply with the Minnesota Judicial Branch COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

4. Other than as set forth in this order, the order of May 15, 2020, continues in full force and effect.

Dated: May 28, 2020

BY THE COURT:

Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice