

Rule 4. Opinions

Opinions state the nature of the case and the reasons for the decision. The panel will decide at its conference whether to publish an opinion. The publication decision is guided by Minnesota Statutes, section 480A.08, subdivision 3, which provides for publication of opinions which establish a new rule of law, overrule a previous Court of Appeals decision not reviewed by the Minnesota Supreme Court, provide important procedural guidelines in interpreting statutes or administrative rules, involve a significant legal issue, or significantly aid in the administration of justice. All other opinions are unpublished.

Unpublished opinions are not precedential and may not be cited unless copies are provided to other counsel at least 48 hours before their use at any pretrial conference, hearing, or trial. If an unpublished opinion is cited in a brief or memorandum, copies must be provided to all other counsel at the time the brief or memorandum is served.

Pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 136.01, subd. 1(a), the panel may decide to issue an order opinion.

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