

## **BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS**

### **POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING JUDGES' PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CASES**

Rule 2.10(A), Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct, provides:

A judge shall not make any public statement that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending or impending in any court, or make any nonpublic statement that might substantially interfere with a fair trial or hearing.

On May 30, 2014, the Board on Judicial Standards adopted the following clarification of its position concerning Rule 2.10(A):

The Board has not adopted a policy, interpretation, or enforcement position concerning Rule 2.10(A), Minnesota Code of Judicial Conduct. Any statement or implication to the contrary in the November 8, 2010 letter of caution that the Board issued to Judge Michael J. Roith, file no. 2010-37, or in the Board's Response in the article "Regulating Judges' Public Comments," *Bench and Bar of Minn.* (May/June 2011) at 30, is superseded. The Board will enforce Rule 2.10(A) as written.