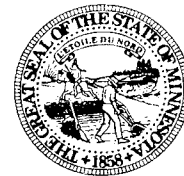


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Ron Tvedt
Court Administrator

March 15, 2006

Dear Mr. Waage:

I'm writing in response to your letter dated March 10, 2006.

Our office does not have a written conflict of interest policy. However, if one of our employees would be involved as a party in a court case, we have an unwritten policy that the employee involved would not do any processing of the court case. Carol Eggen was not a party to the case you are referring to.

In regards to questions 1 – 6, there are limits on public access to administrative records and none of the items you are requesting fall into the category of information that would be accessible to the public. I am not saying one way or the other whether I have any of the information you are requesting; I am not authorized to give out any of the information you are requesting.

I wanted to mention one thing about any confusion that resulted from the transcript in the Ken Ruis case. That case was a misdemeanor level case. Transcripts are not automatically prepared by the court reporter in misdemeanor cases so there was not a transcript in the file when the detective talked to Carol Eggen on the phone. A transcript can be completed if someone orders one.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Tvedt".

Ron Tvedt
Mille Lacs County Court Administrator

Cc: Tim Ostby, Seventh Judicial District Administrator