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STATE OF MINNESOTA

**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS**

Docket No. 71-9054-37629

Assigned Judge: Jessica Palmer-Denig

In Re:

Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing
Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs,
Minnesota Veterans Homes, Minnesota Rules
Chapter 9050

**AFFIDAVIT OF AMBER M.
HILDEBRANDT**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) §
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI)

Amber M. Hildebrandt, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1. I am the current Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association, and I make this affidavit in resistance to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs proposed amendments to Minnesota Rules Chapter 9050.
2. I have reviewed the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed amendments drafted by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA), as well as attended the hearing on January 31, 2022. There have been statements made by the MDVA in the documents and at the hearing that interested parties and stakeholders were consulted during the amendment process. I believe this is a material misrepresentation.
3. On February 18, 2022, the Governing Council of the Elder Law Section held a regular meeting. The MDVA proposed amendments and January 31st hearing were discussed. Of the 21 council members in attendance, including the prior 2 chairs, it was confirmed that no representatives for the Section received communications about or drafts of the proposed amendments in advance of publication on October 18, 2021.
4. On behalf of the Elder Law Governing Council, I request that the MDVA withdraw the proposed amendments and begin the process anew so that stakeholders and interested parties

may have input regarding the rules governing veterans in Minnesota. It is patently unfair to allow the MDVA to proceed as it did regarding the proposed amendments.

Further your affiant saith not.

Dated: 2/22/22

Amber M. Hildebrandt
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of February, 2022.

Jessica M. Cramer
Notary Public

