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STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT

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**OFFICE OF
APPELLATE COURTS**

In re Petition of Lawrence Justin
Mills for Review of Decision of
the Minnesota State Board of
Law Examiners

DECLARATION OF DAVID M. GENRICH

1. I am an Assistant Attorney General in the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, and I represent the Respondent Minnesota Board of Law Examiners ("Board") in this appeal. I submit this Declaration in support of the Board's Motion to Stay the Briefing Schedule in the above-captioned matter pending the Court's disposition of Petitioner's Motion to Strike or Withdraw the Petition Filed March 18, 2026, and for Leave to File a Corrected Petition.

2. On February 26, 2026, the Board issued to Petitioner its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Determination with respect to Petitioner's admission to the Minnesota bar. The Board's decision was adverse to Petitioner. Rule 17A of the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar provides that "[a]ny applicant who is adversely affected by a final decision of the Board may appeal to [this Court] by filing a petition for review with the Clerk of Appellate Courts within 20 days of receipt by the applicant."

3. On March 18, 2026, Petitioner, through counsel, filed a Petition for Review.

4. On March 23, 2026, Petitioner's then-counsel filed a Notice of Attorney Withdrawal.

5. On March 23, 2026, after the Notice of Attorney Withdrawal had been filed, Petitioner, proceeding pro se, submitted a Motion to Strike or Withdraw the Petition Filed March 18, 2026, and for Leave to File a Corrected Petition Motion ("Petitioner's Motion"), together with a "Corrected Petition for Review."

6. On March 24, 2026, the Clerk of Court rejected the submission of the Petitioner's Motion due to a filing deficiency.

7. On March 24, 2026, Petitioner filed his Motion and, separately, submitted the Corrected Petition for Review.

8. Rule 17B of the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar provides that "[w]ithin 20 days of service of the petition [for review], the Board shall serve and file a response to the petition and a copy of the final decision of the Board."

9. On March 25, 2026, the Board filed a response to the Petitioner's Motion. The Board took no position on the merits of Petitioner's Motion. As part of the Court's disposition of Petitioner's Motion, the Board respectfully requested that the deadline for the Board's response to the petition for review be set for twenty days from disposition of the Motion. The Board made the request to allow for sufficient time to prepare, review, and file a thorough response to the petition for review deemed operative in this matter.

10. With respect to the Petition for Review filed and served on March 18 by Petitioner's then-counsel, the Board's response would be due on April 8. The

undersigned calculated that date by adding the twenty days allowed for Board response under Rule 17B, and adding one additional day for email service of the March 18 Petition after 5:00 p.m. local Minnesota time. Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 6.01(e).

11. The Board respectfully requests a stay of the responsive briefing schedule in this matter pending disposition of Petitioner's Motion to Strike or Withdraw. Disposition of Petitioner's Motion will determine which of the two different Petitions submitted on behalf of Petitioner will be operative in this matter. Knowing which Petition is operative will allow the Board to be of most help to the Court through effective and efficient preparation of a particularized response to the Petition deemed operative in this matter.

12. The undersigned has a previously-scheduled period of leave for out-of-state travel the week of March 30, 2026, with a return-to-office date of April 6, 2026.

13. Considering the above, I respectfully request that the responsive briefing schedule be stayed pending the Court's disposition of Petitioner's Motion to Strike or Withdraw the Petition Filed March 18, 2026, and for Leave to File a Corrected Petition.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT EVERYTHING I HAVE STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed on March 27, 2026, in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

/s/ David M. Genrich
DAVID M. GENRICH