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Re: Dr. Alan Kalmanoff, JD, Ph.D., MSW
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To Whom It May Concern:

During the period from 1997 - 1999 the Hennepin County criminal justice departments worked with Dr. Alan Kalmanoff to develop a strategic approach to the management of local criminal justice resources. As one of the representatives of the judicial branch, I worked closely with Dr. Kalmanoff and served as a part of a team charged with reviewing the work product and planning for the implementation of various strategies.

One strategy developed through the process included reorganizing the calendars used to process criminal defendants. A second strategy recommended the appointment of a presiding judge to handle the criminal division. Both of these efforts have been successful and are now paying great dividends within our jurisdiction.

Without Dr. Kalmanoff's "push" and vision I doubt our jurisdiction would have accomplished the substantial progress in calendar reform evidenced over the last year. I would hire Dr. Kalmanoff again in a minute.

Sincerely,


Mark S. Thompson
Court Administrator

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