



THE MILLE LACS BAND OF
OJIBWE INDIANS
Legislative Branch of Tribal Government

Secretarial Order 018-00

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA Section 16(a), the Interior Legal Counsel of the Band shall be known as the Solicitor General; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA section 18(d), the Solicitor General has the responsibility and obligation to interpret all laws and policies on behalf of the Mille Lacs Band; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 4 MLBSA section 18(f), the Solicitor General has the responsibility and authority to advise and assist the Band Assembly in the achievement of a clear, faithful, and coherent expression of the laws and policies of the Mille Lacs Band; and

WHEREAS, the Band Assembly of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe requested the attached opinion from the Solicitor General of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe on December 6, 1999; and

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2000, one hundred and eight (108) days have passed since Band Assembly's request and the Solicitor General has not responded; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule of Professional Responsibility 1.3 states that a lawyer *shall* act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client; and

WHEREAS, commentary to Rule 1.3 states that a lawyer should pursue a matter on behalf of a client despite opposition, obstruction or personal inconvenience... and perhaps no professional shortcoming is more widely resented than procrastination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1 and 3 of the Mille Lacs Band Code of Conduct, the Solicitor General is defined as a Band official and must comply with the provisions of the Mille Lacs Band Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of the Code of Conduct, Band officials must serve the membership with respect, concern, courtesy and responsiveness, recognizing that service to the Band and its membership is more important than service to oneself; and

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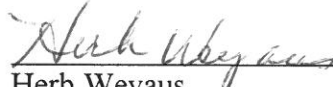
WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA Section 7(a), the Secretary/Treasurer has the power and duty to superintend and manage all fiscal operations of the Band; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA Section 7(f) the Secretary/Treasurer has the power and duty to impound or attach any financial account of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians or any political subdivision thereof to prevent serious financial jeopardy or acts in violation of law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 3 MLBSA Section 7(g) the Secretary/Treasurer has the power and duty to issue Secretarial Orders to implement decisions concerning matters of the fiscal affairs of the Band consistent with the powers herein delegated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that by the authority vested in the Secretary/Treasurer pursuant to 3 MLBSA Section 7(f), I, Herb Weyaus, Secretary/Treasurer of the Mille Lacs Band do hereby order that the pay of Solicitor General Adam Altman be immediately impounded until Mr. Altman delivers to Band Assembly as requested on December 6, 1999, a Solicitor's Opinion stating whether or not the Band Assembly is required by Band Statutes to ratify changes in the Personnel Policy Manual on an annual basis.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2000



Herb Weyaus
Secretary/Treasurer

Expiration Date: Upon delivery to Band Assembly of the requested Solicitor's Opinion.

Official Seal of the Band