

**Hulm, Petra**

---

**From:** Stefanie K. Davis <stefanie@houseofflameandglass.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2016 7:34 AM  
**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys from Outside North Dakota -- Supreme Court No. 20160436

Good morning, Ms. Miller. I am an attorney licensed in Maryland and the District of Columbia, and I write in support of the proposed order granting the petition referenced above. Granting the petition to allow qualified out-of-state attorneys, subject to the court rules and rules of professional conduct of North Dakota, to practice on a temporary basis is critical for three reasons: 1) to ensure the constitutional rights of individuals facing criminal charges in North Dakota courts; 2) to help the courts operate efficiently and justly during an emergency; and 3) because the existing procedures for admitting out-of-state attorneys to practice -- pro hac vice and reciprocal admission -- are effective, but do not operate swiftly enough to allow such attorneys to represent individuals facing criminal charges in a timely manner. In my opinion, the proposed order correctly balances the interests of the defendants in effecting their rights to counsel and to a speedy trial with the State's interests in ensuring that attorneys practicing in North Dakota are qualified to practice in the state and subject to the oversight of the North Dakota Bar Association.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge the justices of the North Dakota Supreme Court to grant the petition and order the proposed relief.

Sincerely,

Stefanie K. Davis, Esq.  
1713 Noyes Lane  
Silver Spring, MD 20910