



In re: Fairview University Medical Center, 590 N.W.2d 150 (Minn. Ct. App. 1999)

Topics Covered: Peer Review

Outcome: Very Favorable

Issue

The issue in this case was whether the Minnesota peer review privilege barred the state medical board from discovering peer review documents.

AMA Interest

The AMA will help state medical societies defend against attacks to their states' peer review processes.

Case Summary

The Minnesota State Board of Medical Practice ("BMP") sought to discover hospital peer review information in a BMP disciplinary action against a physician. The trial court found against BMP, but BMP appealed. The appellate court affirmed, holding that, under Minnesota law, peer review proceedings are not discoverable, even by the BMP.

Litigation Center Involvement

The Litigation Center filed an *amicus curiae* brief, which opposed BMP's attempt to discover peer review information.