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25 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155

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Dear Mr. Meyers:

I have had, sitting on my desk, your article from the April 2017 Bench and Bar of Minnesota entitled "Parsing Minnesota: A History of the Original United States Public Land Survey System in Minnesota." I have had the article sitting there intending to write to you, and I finally have gotten around to that task.

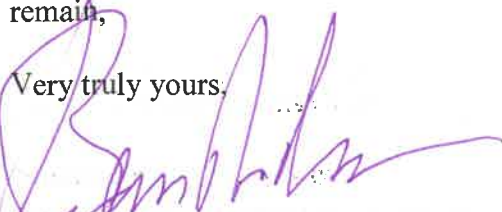
I thought the article was a terrific history of our system for recording and transferring land titles in Minnesota. I knew a little of this history, but not nearly as much as I thought I knew, and your article filled in some gaps in my knowledge quite nicely. Thank you for taking the time to write it.

Property rights were clearly important to the founders of our constitutional system, but a pretty good argument can be made that the Homestead Act, and our land transfer system, have as much to do with cementing the concept of property rights in American DNA as anything else.

That is probably the subject for another article.

Again, thank you for this contribution to Minnesota legal history. With warm personal regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,


G. Barry Anderson
Associate Justice

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