

## Appendix B Synopsis of Major CLS Projects

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Advocate Award – Established by CLS in 1993 to annually recognize individual contributions to improving the civil justice system.

Civil Trial Specialist Certification – Effort from 1982-87 to establish criteria and program for certification of attorneys in order to help experienced trial lawyers stand out from their peers.

Discovery Task Force – 1993-93 project involving CLS and other MSBA members to recommend improvements in the civil discovery system to the Minn. Supreme Court.

Intermediate Appellate Court Rules – 1982 CLS effort to help draft rules for the new Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Judicial Education – Culminated in establishing lending library of CLE and MILE materials for Minnesota judges in 1996.

Judicial Evaluation – Effort by CLS beginning in 1989 parallel to and in conjunction with other bar organizations to develop a uniform statewide system of professional development for state trial judges. Renamed Judicial Development in 1996, culminated successfully in 2001.

Jury Project – Committee on Civil Juries worked from 1994-95 to produce recommendations for improving effectiveness of civil juries.

Minnesota Advocacy Institute – Hands-on lawyering skills program organized by the CLS that operated out of MSBA office from 1988-94. MAI temporarily surpassed NITA as the largest provider in the country of skills training to practicing lawyers.

Section History Project – This booklet! The Section hired Eric Hanson in November, 2001 to research and write the report. The final product was published on April 10, 2002 at the Section's annual meeting.