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Greetings, Lawyers and Judges,

I invite you to attend the 2014 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference at the Hilton Omaha August 5-8 for federal judges and August 6-8 for lawyers. Omaha is our circuit city on the river border of Nebraska and Iowa. The first conference held at this location—just across the river in Council Bluffs—was two hundred and ten years ago.

The Honorable Joe Bataillon and the Program Committee have assembled outstanding educational programs covering current legal topics. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska State Bar and the Iowa State Bar Associations, the Eighth Circuit Bar Association and the Omaha Bar Association.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. will narrate a *Virtual Tour of the Supreme Court* on Friday, August 8. Professor Lawrence Lessig, Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard, will be the keynote speaker. Dean Erwin Chemerinsky will present the Supreme Court update. Other superb speakers and a smorgasbord of distinctive breakout sessions are on the program too. For the judges, Chief Judge William Traxler, Chair of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference, is attending and will speak at the judges' Executive Luncheon.

The week begins with judges' meetings and continues through our general session and continuing legal education programs. The opening bench/bar reception is at the Omaha Hilton on Wednesday evening, and another bench/bar reception is scheduled for Thursday evening at the Joslyn Art Museum. The Eighth Circuit luncheon will include presentation of the American Inns of Court Award and the Richard S. Arnold Awards for Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement, and a presentation by Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The attached packet gives more information and contains the registration materials identifying the fares. The conference is intended to present you with an educational and entertaining program. I encourage you to join us in the Big O.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Jay Riley".

William Jay Riley
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