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Greetings Lawyers and Judges,

I invite you to attend the 2012 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference August 8-10 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The conference is entitled "Landmark Litigation in the Eighth Circuit Courts: Views from the Bench, Bar and Academy."

Circuit Judge Duane Benton; Chief Judge Fernando Gaitan, Jr., Western District of Missouri; and the Program and Social Committees have assembled a superb educational program and social events which will enlighten and entertain you. Ted Olson and other nationally known speakers will discuss big cases, including the NFL litigation. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. will attend the conference and present a "Virtual Tour of the Supreme Court" on Friday morning, August 10.

The week begins with judges' meetings, followed by our general session, continuing legal education programs, and the conference itself. The Eighth Circuit luncheon will include the American Inns of Court Award and the Eighth Circuit Attorney Awards. The Social Committee has arranged, among other events, a reception at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, a performance of *Aida* (Elton John's and Tim Rice's), and a private reception with Justice Alito for first-time Judicial Conference attendees. Our Eighth Circuit Bar Association is sponsoring the opening reception for lawyers and judges. As you may know, Frommer's—an authority on travel and tourism—announced Kansas City as one of its top ten destinations for 2012, the only United States city to make the list.

The attached packet gives more information and contains the registration material for your use. The conference is intended to present you with educational opportunities, social events, and entertainment. I encourage you to be up-to-date and join us in Kansas City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Jay Riley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

William Jay Riley
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