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**MEMORANDUM**

From: Richard G. Kopf, Senior United States District Judge and  
Chairman of the Board of the Eighth Circuit Historical Society

To: Circuit Judges  
District Judges  
Bankruptcy Judges  
Magistrate Judges

cc: Millie B. Adams, Circuit Executive  
Executive Committee of the Eighth Circuit Historical Society

Re: Preservation of Judges' Papers for Historical Purposes

Date: April 9, 2013

I write at the request of the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit. As you know, the history of the federal judiciary in the Eighth Circuit is a proud one. However, judges sometimes overlook the significance of their personal judicial papers to the study of that history. Therefore, I respectfully suggest that you give consideration to preserving your papers for historical purposes.

The Federal Judicial Center has published a helpful pamphlet. It is entitled: *A Guide to the Preservation of Federal Judges' Papers*, Federal Judicial Center, Federal Judicial History Office, 2009. You can find that document by going to [http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc\\_catalog.nsf](http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc_catalog.nsf) (browse by subject and "History").

In addition, the Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit, and its local branches, are ready to help you. Please contact your local branch or Ann Fessenden, our Circuit Librarian, should you have any questions. Also, feel free to call me.

Each of you have my best personal regards.

*Rich*