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Greetings, Lawyers and Judges,

I invite you to attend the 2016 Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas. The conference will take place May 2-5 for federal judges and May 3-5 for lawyers.

Circuit Judge Lavenski R. Smith; Chief Judge P.K. Holmes, III of the Western District of Arkansas; and the Program Committee have assembled an excellent educational program covering current legal topics.

We are extremely pleased the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States, will speak to the conference on Wednesday, May 4. G. Douglas Jones, founding partner of Jones & Hawley in Birmingham, Alabama, will be the keynote speaker. Dean Erwin Chemerinsky will present the Supreme Court update. Our Wednesday luncheon speaker will be the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, Robert D. Manfred, Jr., and our Thursday luncheon speaker will be former United States Senator John C. Danforth. Other superb speakers include Professor Howard W. Brill, Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court; Webster Lee "Webb" Hubbell, INDIE/Fab award-winning author; and attorney Jason Luckasevic from the law firm of Goldberg, Persky & White in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A variety of CLE breakout sessions are also on the program.

The week begins with judges' meetings and continues through our general session and continuing legal education programs. The opening bench/bar reception will be held at the Embassy Suites on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening, the bench/bar reception, co-hosted by the Eighth Circuit Bar Association, will take place at the beautiful Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

The attached packet gives more information and contains the registration material for your use. The conference is intended to present you with an educational and entertaining program. I hope you will join us this May in Northwest Arkansas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Jay Riley".

William Jay Riley
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