

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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IN RE: TRIAL SESSIONS FOR )  
OMAHA, LINCOLN, AND )  
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA )  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012 )  
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**STANDING ORDER**

NO. 2012-04

After consultation with the judges,

IT IS ORDERED that:

*For Omaha and Lincoln Only*

1. For Omaha and Lincoln, during calendar year 2012, the judges of this court will hold combined jury and non-jury sessions each month.

*For North Platte Only*

2. During calendar year 2012, combined jury and non-jury sessions will be held in the following months and tried by the following judges in North Platte: (a) February 2012, Judge Kopf; (b) May 2012, Judge Bataillon; (c) August 2012, Judge Smith Camp; and (d) October 2012, Judge Strom. Judge Gerrard will be added to the rotation in 2013.
3. For North Platte, magistrate judges are available to try civil jury and non-jury cases by consent during the foregoing months if agreeable with the district judge assigned to that particular month. Questions about consents should be addressed (a) to the magistrate judge who is assigned the case if the question arises prior to the pretrial conference, or (b) to the magistrate judge who is handling the pretrial conference if the question arises at or after the pretrial conference.<sup>1</sup>
4. North Platte jurors will be summoned for four weeks unless otherwise expressly approved by the chief judge.
5. All jury trials in North Platte will be specially set during the sessions identified in paragraph two. Parties must agree to a firm trial date at least six weeks in advance

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<sup>1</sup>Note that the magistrate judge who handles the pretrial conference may be different from the magistrate judge who is generally assigned to that case.

so that the court may summon jurors. The court will not summon jurors if no trials have been set for a trial session.

6. No special settings of jury cases in months other than February, May, August, or October shall be made without the express approval of the chief judge.
7. The following magistrate judges will be responsible for handling North Platte pretrial conferences during 2012: (a) Judge Gossett will hold pretrial conferences in January for the February session; (b) Judge Zwart will hold pretrial conferences in April for the May session; (c) Judge Thalken will hold pretrial conferences in July for the August session; and (d) Judge Gossett will hold pretrial conferences in September for the October session.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

*s/Laurie Smith Camp*  
Chief United States District Judge