

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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IN THE MATTER OF ETHICAL)
COMPLAINTS MADE TO COUNSEL)
FOR DISCIPLINE OF THE NEBRASKA)
SUPREME COURT)
_____)

GENERAL ORDER 2011-02

IT IS ORDERED:

Effective immediately, and with the agreement of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Counsel for Discipline of the Nebraska Supreme Court ("Counsel for Discipline") is authorized to disclose and refer ethics complaints that are filed with its office:

- a) in an open or closed federal civil or criminal case, to the federal judge assigned to the case;
- b) in an open or closed bankruptcy case, to the bankruptcy judge assigned to the case;
- c) in a federal grand jury proceeding, to the chief judge of the federal court; and
- d) in a federal case involving a lawyer who is a potential witness, to the federal judge assigned to the case.

This court will maintain all ethics complaints and associated documents as sealed records.

In addition, the Counsel for Discipline will hold in abeyance the investigation of a referred ethics complaint until the court informs the Counsel for Discipline of how it has resolved the complaint. After the court has resolved a referred ethics complaint, the

Counsel for Discipline will take further or other action as appropriate. Should the court not resolve a referred complaint in a timely manner, the Counsel for Discipline will take further or other action as appropriate, without regard to the referral to this court.

The court's local rules will be amended to reflect this agreement during the court's next annual review and revision process.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief Judge
United States District Court