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**DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**  
  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

IN RE THE WITHDRAWAL OF JUDGE KOPF )  
FROM THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW )  
LINCOLN CASES AND REASSIGNMENT OF )  
JUDGE URBOM CRIMINAL CASES )  
TO JUDGE GERRARD )

GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 2012-02

Pursuant to General Order 2011-13, all pending criminal cases assigned to Senior Judge Warren Urbom were reassigned to Senior Judge Richard G. Kopf with the exception of certain cases listed in the general order. Following entry of the general order, closed criminal cases assigned to Judge Urbom in which any new post-conviction matters (e.g., Rule 35(b) motions, section 2255 motions, petitions for an offender under supervision, etc.) were filed were also reassigned to Judge Kopf.

John M. Gerrard was sworn in as a United States District Judge on February 6, 2012. Pursuant to General Order 2012-01, several civil and criminal cases were reassigned to Judge Gerrard to create his initial docket. In addition, and with his consent, Judge Kopf will be withdrawn from the Lincoln civil and criminal docket for new case assignment purposes until the number of Judge Gerrard's pending cases approximately equals the number of Judge Kopf's pending cases. With Judge Kopf's additional consent, new post-conviction matters filed in closed criminal cases assigned to Judge Urbom will also be reassigned to Judge Gerrard's docket rather than to Judge Kopf's docket.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. For new case assignment purposes, Judge Kopf is withdrawn from the Lincoln civil and criminal docket until the number of Judge Gerrard's pending cases approximately equals the number of Judge Kopf's pending cases.

2. When a new post-conviction matter requiring court action is filed in a closed case assigned to Judge Urbom, the case will be reassigned to Judge Gerrard. Magistrate Judge Zwart will remain assigned to the case.
3. When the number of Judge Gerrard's pending cases approximately equals the number of Judge Kopf's pending cases, the Clerk shall call that matter to the attention of Judges Gerrard and Kopf.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

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