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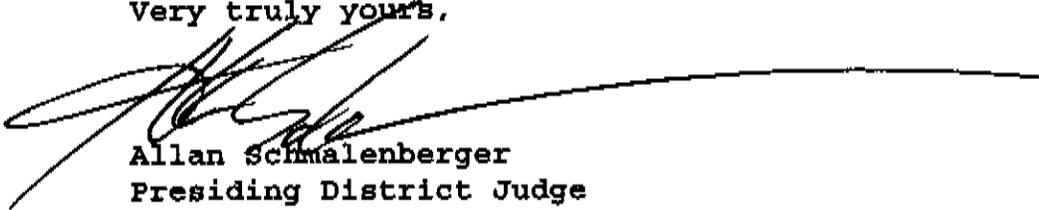
RE: Southwest Judicial District Judgeship No. 3

Dear Governor Hoeven:

After much reflection, I submit my resignation as district judge of the Southwest Judicial District Judgeship No. 3. My last day of work as a district judge and the effective date of my resignation is Friday, July 31, 2009.

With almost 36 years in the legal profession and almost 28 of those as a district judge, it is time for me to retire. I look forward to spending time with my family. It has been a privilege to serve the people of the Southwest Judicial District.

Very truly yours,



Allan Schmalenberger
Presiding District Judge

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