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DECEMBER 30, 2016
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Ms. Miller:

The judges of the South Central Judicial District have asked me to advise the Court that we do not believe the Supreme Court should grant the Petition to Permit Temporary Provision of Legal Services by Qualified Attorneys From Outside North Dakota. We believe that the current rule on Pro Hac Vice (Rule 3 of the Rules of Admission to Practice) should govern attorneys not licensed in North Dakota who wish to practice law in the State of North Dakota.

We have not experienced difficulty in having attorneys appointed for those who are indigent and are entitled to court-appointed counsel. It should be remembered that there are only a handful of prosecuting attorneys involved in the cases involving pipeline protests.

Gail Hagerty
Presiding District Judge