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Friends,

Judges are often referred to as "Honorable." But I have been the one to receive the honor of serving the people of Milwaukee County these past 21 years. It has been an honor to work with hardworking, dedicated members of our court system and with brilliant and inspiring attorneys representing clients of all sorts. It has been thrilling to come to work each day to see justice in action. And uplifting to know we have well-run courts that maintain peace in the community by daily resolving matters in an honest, open, fair and neutral forum.

Now it is time take my career in a new direction. My last day at work as a circuit court judge will be November 22, 2013. In December I will bring the lessons I have learned in 39 years as a trial lawyer and judge to my passion for conflict reduction by moving to the field of mediation, arbitration and advocacy consultation. The new service will be called A *Neutral View*. My court email will no longer work, so please update your address books with: <u>CKahn@ANeutralView.com</u>.

I leave the court system in good hands. Not enough can be said about the excellence of Milwaukee County's deputy court clerks, the court reporters and our courtroom bailiffs. They enhance our community with daily zeal for public service and a focus on meeting the needs of all who use our courts. We have the very finest leaders in Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, Milwaukee County Chief Judge Jeffery Kremers, District Attorney John Chisholm and First Assistant State Public Defender Tom Reed. These visionaries are never satisfied with business as usual. They hold the judges to the highest standards and continually seek new efficiencies and effective evidence-based solutions to the community problems that affect and are affected by the courts.

Every day in court my effort has been enhanced by support and encouragement from my wife, the awesome Patti Keating Kahn. Anyone who appreciates the work I do has Patti to thank for it. Additionally, for the last ten years I have benefitted immensely from the focused effort, endless perseverance and attention to detail of my deputy court clerk and judicial assistant, Samotria Matthews as well as the undying enthusiasm and wonderful spirit of my court reporter, Amy De La Rosa.

I will miss you all, so please keep in touch. Become my friend on Facebook or connect on LinkedIn. Early in December I will activate a website with more information about the services available through A Neutral View.

Best wishes to you!

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