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TO: All Circuit Judges, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
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FROM: Presiding Judge Jack R. Von Wald *JRW*

RE: Drug/Alcohol Commitments

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In June of 2001, then Presiding Judge Dobberpuhl issued a memorandum regarding the above subject, and with the change in judges and court appointed attorneys since that time, it necessitated another memo to inform the new and remind the others of our policy on drug/alcohol committals.

If it is determined that the alleged alcoholic is indigent, the commitment should be to a state facility such as Yankton, since the county will have to pick up the tab. Commitments to private institutions, such as Worthmore, should be arranged only if the individual has funding of his own.