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TO: Attorneys of the Fifth Circuit

FROM: Presiding Judge Jack R. Von Wald

All of the Judges of the state recently met for their spring Judicial Conference. It was the consensus of the Judges that all divorce decrees involving minor children should have the dollar figure for child support included in the decree before the Court signs the Decree of Divorce. Therefore, the Judges of the 5th Circuit will follow that same policy.

The child support referee is paid by the State to only do modifications when a petition for modification has been filed with the Office of Child Support. If you use the referee to compute the child support for the initial amount, you will have to pay the referee for the same yourself. The attorneys can compute the support by using the form available on line at dss.sd.gov/child support. If the child support figure is not included in the Judgment of Divorce, the Court will not sign it until the same is included.