IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRACTICE OF EX-LAW CLERKS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 32

General Order No. 31, dated June 6, 1986, is hereby set aside.

Effective the 1st day of July 1985, no person who was employed as a law clerk by and for any judge of this Court shall, directly or indirectly, participate in any contested proceeding before that judge for the period of two (2) years after said person's termination of employment as such law clerk. This prohibition is also personal to the judge involved and will not disqualify any other judge of this Court from handling any such matter. The Clerk of this Court will keep a record on the exlaw clerks of each judge. In the event a contested proceeding participated in by an ex-law clerk during the prohibited period is, by the draw, assigned to the judge for whom, and under whose direction, said law clerk previously worked, then that judge will be deemed to have automatically recused himself or herself, and the Clerk, without further instructions, will redraw the case until it falls to another non-disqualified judge.

This Order shall also apply to the ex-law clerks of the United States Magistrates except with regard to routine pre-trial appearances in criminal cases.

Further, this Order shall also apply to the law clerks of United States Bankruptcy Judges EXCEPT that the prohibited period will be one year rather than two years and EXCEPT that there shall be no prohibited period for persons whose employment as bankruptcy law clerks terminated prior to the date of this Order or to those persons currently employed as bankruptcy law clerks. The

latter exception is provided inasmuch as the bankruptcy law clerks currently employed accepted their positions when no prohibited period applied in regard to them.

DATED this 25th day of June, 1986. NUNC PRO TUNC July 1, 1985, except in regard to law clerks for United States Bankruptcy Judges as set forth above.

FOR THE COURT:

/s/ Garnett Thomas Eisele
G. THOMAS EISELE, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT