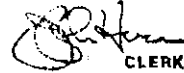


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Date: August 9, 2005
To: Counsel
Re: Verizon, et al. v. Sahr, et al., CIV 04-3014
From: Judge Kornmann

I have looked at the stipulation and motion for a protective order.

I may have signed one such order since I have been on the bench. I do not like them. If the parties have something that you want to keep confidential, do not file the document. I favor as much public access as possible to what is being filed in the courthouse. I probably have some bias, having spent a number of years as a lobbyist for the South Dakota Press Association.

You would have to do a great deal of convincing before I would consider such an Order. If you have any questions, please let me know.


CHARLES B. KORNMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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cc: Zachary Peterson
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