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Chief Justice Gerald W. VandeWalle  
Supreme Court  
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Dear Chief Justice VandeWalle:

I am hereby giving notice that I will not seek reelection to Judgeship No. 5 in the South Central Judicial District with chambers in Bismarck. I understand this notice triggers consideration by the Supreme Court under NDCC 27-05-02.1(2) of whether Judgeship No. 5 should be retained or transferred to another judicial district. Based on my experience, I strongly urge that Judgeship No. 5 be continued in the South Central Judicial District.

The Supreme Court has 90 days from the receipt of this notice to make a determination as to the retention or transfer of Judgeship No. 5. Hopefully the timing of this notice will not create a problem for any lawyer who will seek election to this position as nominating petitions cannot be circulated before January 11, 2010, while all petitions must be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010, to get on the ballot for the Primary Election which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2010.

It is my intention to retire when my second and final six year term ends on December 31, 2010. Until then, please know that I will stay on the job working diligently right up to the last day of my term. I have arranged to have myself scheduled to handle the Burleigh County Master Calendar for my last week as a District Judge.

It is truly an honor and privilege to have been given the opportunity by the voters of the South Central Judicial District to serve them as one of their judges since January 1, 1999.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Wefald