

**DESIGNATION OF JUDGESHIPS
AND CHAMBERS WITH ASSIGNMENTS**

Each office of the District Judge is a separate office. Judgeships and chambers within each judicial district are established with assignment of judges and chambers as follows:

<i>Northwest Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Williston	Joshua B. Rustad
Judgeship No. 2	Williston	Benjamin J. Johnson
Judgeship No. 3	Williston	Paul W. Jacobson
Judgeship No. 4	Watford City	Robin A. Schmidt
Judgeship No. 5	Watford City	Daniel S. El-Dweek
Judgeship No. 6	Williston	Kirsten M. Sjue
<i>North Central Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Minot	Douglas L. Mattson
Judgeship No. 2	Minot	Gary H. Lee
Judgeship No. 3	Minot	Richard L. Hagar
Judgeship No. 4	Minot	Stacy J. Louser
Judgeship No. 5	Minot	Todd L. Cresap
<i>Northeast Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Devils Lake	Lonnie Olson
Judgeship No. 2	Rugby	Michael P. Hurley
Judgeship No. 3	Bottineau	Anthony S. Benson
Judgeship No. 4	Devils Lake	Donovan Foughty

Judgeship No. 5	Cavalier and Langdon	Laurie A. Fontaine
Judgeship No. 6	Grafton	Barbara L. Whelan
<i>Northeast Central Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Grand Forks	Donald Hager
Judgeship No. 2	Grand Forks	Lolita G. Hartl Romanick
Judgeship No. 3	Grand Forks	Jay Knudson
Judgeship No. 4	Grand Forks	John D. Thelen
Judgeship No. 5	Grand Forks	M. Jason McCarthy
<i>East Central Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Fargo	Susan L. Bailey
Judgeship No. 2	Fargo	Douglas R. Herman
Judgeship No. 3	Fargo	Steven E. McCullough
Judgeship No. 4	Fargo	Steven L. Marquart
Judgeship No. 5	Fargo	Frank L. Racek
Judgeship No. 6	Fargo	Thomas R. Olson
Judgeship No. 7	Hillsboro	Wade C. Webb
Judgeship No. 8	Fargo	John C. Irby
Judgeship No. 9	Fargo	Stephannie N. Stiel
<i>Southeast Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Jamestown	Cherie L. Clark
Judgeship No. 2	Valley City	Mark T. Blumer
Judgeship No. 3	Wahpeton	Bradley A. Cruff
Judgeship No. 4	New Rockford	James D. Hovey
Judgeship No. 5	Ellendale	Daniel D. Narum

Judgeship No. 6	Valley City	Jay A. Schmitz
Judgeship No. 7	Jamestown	Troy J. LeFevre
<i>South Central Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Bismarck	David E. Reich
Judgeship No. 2	Bismarck	Douglas A. Bahr
Judgeship No. 3	Washburn	Bruce A. Romanick
Judgeship No. 4	Bismarck	Bruce B. Haskell
Judgeship No. 5	Bismarck	Cynthia M. Feland
Judgeship No. 6	Bismarck	Gail Hagerty
Judgeship No. 7	Mandan	Thomas J. Schneider
Judgeship No. 8	Linton	James S. Hill
Judgeship No. 9	Mandan	John W. Grinsteiner
<i>Southwest Judicial District</i>		
<i>Judgeship Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Judge Name</i>
Judgeship No. 1	Dickinson	James D. Gion
Judgeship No. 2	Dickinson	William A. Herauf
Judgeship No. 3	Dickinson	Dann E. Greenwood
Judgeship No. 4	Dickinson	Rhonda R. Ehlis

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Northwest Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), the Northwest Judicial District was divided into a Northwest Judicial District and a North Central Judicial District. Judgeship Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9, with chambers at Minot, in the former Northwest Judicial District were transferred to the new North Central Judicial District. Judgeship Nos. 1, 5, 10 and 11, with chambers at Williston and Watford City, in the former Northwest Judicial District were redesignated Judgeship Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the new Northwest Judicial District to accurately reflect the number of current judgeships in the district.

Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, Judgeship No. 3, with chambers at Minot in the former Northwest Judicial, was abolished effective January 1, 1999; Judgeship No. 6, with chambers at Minot in the former Northwest Judicial District, was transferred to the East Central Judicial District effective December 14, 2001; Judgeship No. 7, with chambers at Stanley in the former Northwest Judicial District, was transferred to Minot effective January 1, 2007; Judgeship No. 9, with chambers at Minot in the former Northwest Judicial District, was created by the 61st Legislative Assembly, 2009 N.D. Sess. Laws, Ch. 261; and Judgeship Nos. 10 and 11 with chambers at Williston and Watford City, were created by the 63rd Legislative Assembly, 2013 N.D. Sess. Law, Ch. 33.

Judgeship No. 5, with chambers in Watford City, and Judgeship No. 6, with chambers in Williston, were created by the 64th Legislative Assembly, 2015 N.D. Sess. Law, Ch. 2.

North Central Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), the Northwest Judicial District was divided into a Northwest Judicial District and a North Central Judicial District. Judgeship Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9, with chambers at Minot, in the former Northwest Judicial District were transferred to the new North Central Judicial District and redesignated Judgeship Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Northeast Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), Judgeship No. 7 is redesignated Judgeship No. 2, with chambers at Rugby, in the Northeast Judicial District, to accurately reflect the number of current judgeships in the district.

Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, Judgeship No. 2, with chambers at Grafton, was abolished effective January 1, 1995.

East Central Judicial District

Judgeship No. 9, with chambers at Fargo, was created by the 63rd Legislative Assembly, 2013 N.D. Sess. Laws, Ch. 33,

Southeast Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), Judgeship Nos. 8, 9 and 10 were redesignated as Judgeship Nos. 3, 1 and 7 to accurately reflect the number of current judgeships in the district.

Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, Judgeship No. 7, with chambers at Lisbon, was abolished effective January 1, 1995; Judgeship No. 3, with chambers at Wahpeton was abolished effective January 3, 1996; and Judgeship No. 1, with chambers at Jamestown, was abolished effective February 3, 1998. Judgeship No. 10, with chambers at Jamestown, was created by the 61st Legislative Assembly, 2009, N.D. Sess. Laws, Ch. 261.

South Central Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), Judgeship No. 9, with chambers at Washburn is redesignated Judgeship No. 3 to accurately reflect the current number of judgeships in the district.

Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, Judgeship No. 3, with chambers at Mandan, was abolished effective March 11, 1998.

Judgeship No. 9, with chambers at Mandan, was created by the 64th Legislative Assembly, 2015 N.D. Sess. Law, Ch. 2.

Southwest Judicial District

Effective [January 1, 2014](#), Judgeship No. 4, with chambers at Dickinson is redesignated Judgeship No. 2 to accurately reflect the current number of judgeships in the district.

Under N.D.C.C. § 27-05-02.1, Judgeship No. 2, with chambers at Hettinger, was transferred to the South Central Judicial District effective May 1, 1995; and Judgeship No. 5, with chambers at Bowman, was abolished effective December 31, 2000.

Judgeship No. 4, with chambers at Dickinson, was created by the 64th Legislative Assembly, 2015 N.D. Sess. Law, Ch. 2.

SOURCE: AR 71979 effective July 1, 1979; AR 71980 effective May 16, 1980; AR 71981 effective July 1, 1981; AR 71981 effective Sept. 3, 1981; AR 7 amended Nov. 8, 1985; Sec. 270508(2) N.D.C.C.; S.L.1979, Ch. 76, Sec. 4; S.L.1981, Ch. 36, Sec. 3; AR 71987 amended Nov. 12, 1987; AR 71989 amended Feb. 20, 1989; AR 7 amended January 31, 1990; Sec. 270500.1(3), N.D.C.C.; S.L.1991, Ch. 326, Sec. 1(3); AR 7 amended October 6, 1993; amended November 16, 1994, effective January 1, 1995; amended effective March 16, 1995 and May 1, 1995; amended effective January 10, 1996; amended April 1, 1998; amended effective January 1, 2001; amended effective December 14, 2001; amended effective July 2, 2003; amended effective [January 1, 2007](#); amended effective [January 27, 2010](#); amended effective [January 1, 2014](#); amended effective [January 13, 2016](#); administratively amended October 24, 2017; amended effective [February 1, 2018](#).