



March 19, 2025

Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice
North Dakota Supreme Court
State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

Dear Chief Justice Jensen:

By electronic mail dated March 18, 2025, the Honorable John A. Thelen submitted his notice of intent to retire, effective August 1, 2025.

Judge Thelen's retirement will create a vacancy in Judgeship No. 4, Northeast Central Judicial District. Please consider this letter as notice of a vacancy under North Dakota Century Code § 27-05-02.1.

Upon retirement, Judge Thelen will have served the State of North Dakota and the legal profession with dedication and professionalism for 43 years.

I look forward to working with you to appoint a successor.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Armstrong".

Kelly Armstrong
Governor

C: Tony Weiler, Executive Director
State Bar Association of North Dakota