



State of North Dakota

DISTRICT COURT
EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Hon. Doug Burgum
Governor of North Dakota
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

Hon. Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice
North Dakota Supreme Court
Judicial Wing, First Floor
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

Re: Notice of Retirement

Dear Governor Burgum and Chief Justice Jensen:

My term as the Judge of Judgeship #8 in the East Central Judicial District ends on December 31st of this year. I am not running for re-election.

It has been a great honor to serve this District and the State. My service began on May 1, 2002. There have been a lot of changes in the Court over the last two decades, including advances in the use of computer technology, on-line information, and remote hearings. There has been tremendous growth in the East Central Judicial District, going from seven District Court Judges prior to my start in Judgeship #8 to our present eleven Judges, in addition to two full-time Referees. It has been an adventure, to be sure. I have learned a lot about the law, government and, frankly, human nature.

Honorable John C. Irby
Presiding District Judge

Honorable Susan L. Bailey
District Judge

Honorable Reid A. Brady
District Judge

Honorable Nicholas W. Chase
District Judge

Honorable Cherie L. Clark
District Judge

Honorable Constance L. Cleveland
District Judge

Honorable Stephanie R. Hayden
District Judge

Honorable Steven E. McCullough
District Judge

Honorable Stephannie N. Stiel
District Judge

Honorable Tristan J. Van de Streek
District Judge

Honorable Wade L. Webb
District Judge

I am sure that Governor Burgum appreciates the unique coincidence that my first legal job in North Dakota was with his brother, Brad Burgum, and that I am ending my judicial career with a letter to Governor Doug Burgum. While it has been a great honor, it is time to step away. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served in this position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Irby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Hon. John C. Irby

Presiding Judge

East Central Judicial District

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