

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DISTRICT COURT
NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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The Hon. Jack Dalrymple
Governor of the State of North Dakota
State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0530

RE: retirement

Dear Governor Dalrymple:

This is to inform you that I will retire from my position as District Judge effective at the close of business on June 30, 2014.

It has been a privilege and an honor to have served the citizens of this state since 1978, first as a County Justice, then as a County Judge and for the past nineteen (19) years as a District Judge.

I want to thank my colleagues on the bench, past and present, for enriching my life both personally and professionally, and am particularly appreciative of the invaluable assistance I've received over the years from my secretaries/recorders, Rita Fischer, Joanna Larson Bettenhausen, Judy Heinen, Sandy Ostrom and Nancy Horst.

I trust you will appoint a very able successor to carry on the business of the Court in the North Central Judicial District.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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William W. McLees
District Judge

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pc: The Hon. Gerald W. VandeWalle, Chief Justice