



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of South Dakota**

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**U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota  
Announces the Retirement of Clerk of Court Joseph A. Haas**

Joseph A. Haas will retire as Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota on January 2, 2018. Mr. Haas has served the public, federal judges and court personnel in South Dakota for 21 years through the Clerk's headquarters in Sioux Falls. Having held several other positions before joining the court here, Mr. Haas will conclude more than 42 years of federal service upon retirement.

"Joe's leadership on administrative and fiscal matters over many years allowed our federal court to become a role model for courts around the country. His 'big picture' planning abilities prepared us to serve the public effectively during times of increasing federal caseloads, limited funding and ever evolving technology. Joe consistently created a harmonious and creative work environment for the court personnel he supervised in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City. He will be missed," said Chief United States District Judge Jeffrey Viken.

Clerk Haas pioneered the transition from federal courts dependent on paper transactions to an advanced system for the electronic filing of cases and for storing vast quantities of records electronically. Mr. Haas' peers from around the country honored him with the Angie Award in 2017, the highest professional recognition for any United States District Court Clerk.

In retirement, Mr. Haas plans to enjoy time with his wife Barb, daughters, grandchildren and family members. Mr. Haas will continue to volunteer as a member of the National Ski Patrol and as a youth volleyball coach. An avid skier and dedicated world traveler, he leaves behind an extraordinary professional life of public service.

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