

## **NEWS FROM U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

**December 13, 2019**

**NEW CHIEF JUDGE:** The Honorable Roberto Lange will become Chief Judge for the District of South Dakota on December 31, 2019. Judge Lange follows Judge Jeffrey Viken, who has served as Chief Judge for the past seven years. The Chief Judge leads the district's administrative operations and is empowered to receive and expend government money, purchase government property, contract, manage a human resources program, and fulfill other governmental functions.

**NEW STANDING ORDER:** Lawyers practicing criminal law should review Standing Order 19-04 signed by Chief Judge Viken on October 31, 2019. This order addresses providing counsel for persons potentially eligible for relief under *United States v. Davis*, 139 S. Ct. 2319 (2019). The order appoints the Office of the Federal Public Defender (FPD) to represent all defendants in criminal cases in our district who may be eligible to seek a reduced or modified sentence based on the decision in *Davis* and directs the United States Probation Office to work with the FPD in identifying all defendants with potential claims for relief under *Davis*.