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MICHAEL J. DAVIS SUCCEEDS JAMES M. ROSENBAUM

U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis succeeds Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota on July 1, 2008. Under federal law, the judge who is most senior in service within a district is designated as the chief judge and serves as the court's chief judicial officer for a period of seven years.

Judge Davis was appointed to the federal court on March 30, 1994. Judge Davis graduated from Macalester College and the University of Minnesota Law School. He has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota Law School for the last 25 years. In 1999, Chief Justice Rehnquist appointed Judge Davis to the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for a seven-year term. Judge Davis received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2001 from Macalester College. He was awarded the 2004 Judicial Professionalism Award by the Hennepin County Bar Association. Judge Davis served as President of the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association 2004-05. Judge Davis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Rights Center, Incorporated and the Volunteer Lawyers Network. He is an Advisory Board member of the Jack Mason Law and Democracy Initiative, a project for Books for Africa, and is a member of the Sigma Pi Phi Omicron Boulé Fraternity.

Judge Davis' chambers and courtroom are located on the 15th floor of the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis.

**Richard D. Sletten
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