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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date: July 1, 2015**  
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### **JOHN R. TUNHEIM SUCCEEDS MICHAEL J. DAVIS AS CHIEF JUDGE**

On July 1, 2015, U.S. District Judge John R. Tunheim succeeds Chief U.S. District Judge Michael J. Davis as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. 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.

John R. Tunheim was nominated by President William Clinton and took the oath of office on December 29, 1995. Judge Tunheim was born and raised in Newfalden, Minnesota. After attending college at Concordia College in Moorhead, he worked as a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. In 1980, he graduated from the University Of Minnesota School Of Law where he served as the President of the Minnesota Law Review. Thereafter, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Earl Larson and worked in private practice before being appointed Minnesota Solicitor General in 1985 and Chief Deputy Attorney General in 1986, where he served until his appointment to the bench. From 1994-1998, Judge Tunheim served as Chairman of the Assassination Records Review Board. Judge Tunheim has served on many Judicial Conference committees, including as chair of the Committee on Court Administration and on the Project Steering Group for CM/ECF NextGen.

Chief Judge Tunheim's chambers and courtroom will be located on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis.

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