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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE TO OPEN IN FERGUS FALLS**

Chief United States District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum and the Court announce the opening of the Clerk's Office in the United States Federal Courthouse in Fergus Falls on May 3, 2004.

Rosenbaum, in making the announcement, noted that federal judicial officers have been sitting in Fergus Falls since June 1995, without a permanent onsite Clerk's Office staff. "We expect that a opening of a staffed Clerk's Office will improve service to the legal community and federal court litigants in west-central Minnesota" Rosenbaum states.

Fergus Falls is the seat of the Sixth Division of the federal court in Minnesota, and includes the counties of Becker, Beltrami, Big Stone, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stearns, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin. According to Rosenbaum, cases originating from the Sixth Division will continue to be randomly assigned among the U.S. District Court Judges, and pretrial matters in those cases will continue to be heard by Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson of Duluth.

Federal law suits commenced by citizens of the Sixth Division may be filed beginning May 3, 2004, with the Clerk of Court at 118 South Mill Street, U.S. Federal Courthouse, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537. Questions regarding the filing of a case venued in the Sixth Division should be directed to the deputy clerk in Fergus Falls at (218) 739-5758 or the Division Manager in Duluth at (218) 529-3502.