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PRESS RELEASE

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
Formal Investiture of Judge Eric C. Tostrud
Landmark Center – St. Paul, Minnesota

ST. PAUL, MN – Chief Judge John R. Tunheim is pleased to announce Judge Eric C. Tostrud’s formal investiture took place at the Landmark Center in St. Paul on Friday, February 15, 2019. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim administered the oath of office to Tostrud, who fills the vacancy that was created when Judge Donovan W. Frank took senior status in 2016.

Chief Judge John R. Tunheim had the following statement, “Judge Tostrud’s thoughtful approach to the law and his outstanding character are wonderful additions to the District of Minnesota bench. We are excited to have him with us and look forward to his dedication.”

Judge Tostrud was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1965. He received his B.A. in Political Science and Speech *cum laude* from St. Olaf College in 1987. He received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from William Mitchell College of Law in 1990, and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar in October 1990. He clerked for Judge Edward J. Devitt of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota from 1990 to 1992, and for Judge George E. MacKinnon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1992.

Judge Tostrud was nominated to the federal bench by President Donald Trump in February 2018. The Senate confirmed his nomination by unanimous voice vote on September 6, 2018, and he was sworn in on September 14.

Judge Tostrud spent his entire career as a practicing lawyer with the Minneapolis firm Lockridge Grindal Nauen. He was an associate with the firm from 1992 to 1997, a partner from 1998 through 2014, and of counsel from 2015 through his appointment to the federal bench. During his time with the firm, Judge Tostrud maintained a complex litigation practice concentrated almost exclusively in the federal courts primarily in the health care, insurance coverage, fraud, and financial services fields.

His pro bono service included representing military veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

While in practice, Judge Tostrud taught often as an adjunct professor at William Mitchell College of Law and at the University of Minnesota Law School. In 2015, Judge Tostrud began teaching law full time as a Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, first at William Mitchell and then at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Judge Tostrud's areas of teaching included legal writing, the federal courts, federal jurisdiction, federal civil procedure, complex litigation, electronic discovery, and the business of lawyering. Judge Tostrud's service as a member of the Mitchell Hamline faculty ended with his judicial appointment.

Judge Tostrud has served his community in a variety of ways. Among the more significant points of service, he has been active in his church, serving on council and as congregational president, among other activities. He served as a trustee of William Mitchell College of Law from 2006 to 2015.

Judge Tostrud is chambered in the St. Paul Federal Courthouse, located at 316 North Robert Street.

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