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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE LAURIE SMITH CAMP
ANNOUNCES SENIOR STATUS

Laurie Smith Camp, Chief Judge of Nebraska's federal district court, announced today that she will take senior status effective December 1, 2018. Her transition to senior status will coincide with the end of her seven-year term as Chief Judge, and will create a vacancy on Nebraska's U.S. District Court bench.

Nebraska has three active federal district judgeships--two in Omaha, and one in Lincoln. Such judgeships are filled by Presidential nomination and Senate confirmation. Generally, Presidents rely heavily on recommendations of Senators from the state in which the vacancy occurs.

"We are very grateful to Senator Deb Fischer and Senator Ben Sasse for their diligent efforts to fill vacancies on Nebraska's federal bench with highly qualified candidates," said Chief Judge Smith Camp. "Because Nebraska has only three active federal district judgeships, it is especially important that vacancies be filled as soon as possible."

Judge Smith Camp will maintain a full caseload pending the confirmation of her successor, and will maintain a significant caseload thereafter.

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