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**DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA NAMES THE
HONORABLE BRIAN C. BUESCHER NEXT CHIEF JUDGE**

Effective July 16, 2026, Brian C. Buescher (pronounced Bisher) succeeded Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., as Chief United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Judge Rossiter was appointed to the District Court on June 29, 2016, and became Chief Judge on July 15, 2021.

As authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 136, the Chief Judge assumes the position based on seniority and oversees the administrative operations of the court. Judge Rossiter will maintain his active status as a District Judge.

Judge Buescher has served as a U.S. District Judge for more than six years. He was nominated by President Donald J. Trump on November 13, 2018, on the recommendation of Senators Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse. The United States Senate confirmed his nomination on July 24, 2019. Before taking the bench, Judge Buescher practiced law at Kutak Rock LLP for nearly two decades and served as chair of the National Agribusiness Litigation Group for the firm. He also held various leadership roles within the Nebraska State Bar Association, including chair of both the Agricultural Law Section and the Environmental Law Section.

Judge Buescher has been appointed by the Chief Justice to serve on the Judicial Conference Committee on Information Technology, where he serves as one of fourteen judges nationally to oversee information technology policy for the federal judiciary. He also serves with a small group of judges and senior staff to advise the federal courts on the expedited replacement of the federal courts' aging online case filing system. In addition, he serves on the OSCAR Committee on Judicial Clerkships. Locally, Judge Buescher has held numerous roles within the District of Nebraska, including judicial liaison to both the Federal Practice Committee and the Local Rules Committee. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Creighton University School of Law, teaching *Federal Courts* and *Agricultural Law*.

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Judge Buescher stated, “[t]he District of Nebraska has a dedicated staff who are personally committed to the fair and efficient administration of justice in Nebraska. I am honored to serve as Chief Judge of this Court. On behalf of the Court and myself, I would like to thank Chief Judge Rossiter for his excellent service as Chief Judge these past five years.”

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