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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ROBERT F. ROSSITER, JR.
ANNOUNCES SENIOR STATUS**

United States District Court Judge Robert F. Rossiter, Jr. announced today that he will take senior status effective upon the confirmation of his successor. A federal judge may take senior status after becoming eligible for retirement.

The announcement will create a vacancy on Nebraska's U.S. District Court bench. Judge Rossiter's transition to senior status will follow more than ten years of service on Nebraska's Federal Court. Prior to receiving his Commission, Judge Rossiter practiced law in Omaha for over thirty-two years, specializing in Labor and Employment Law and Litigation. He was named a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2007. Judge Rossiter began his legal career as a judicial law clerk to the late Judge C. Arlen Beam, who then served on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska. Judge Rossiter recently completed his term as Chief Judge.

Nebraska has three active federal district judgeships—two in Omaha, and one in Lincoln—serving the entire state. Those judgeships are filled by Presidential nomination and Senate confirmation.

"I am confident that Senator Deb Fischer and Senator Pete Ricketts will work with the administration toward the timely nomination and confirmation of a highly qualified successor," Judge Rossiter said. "Because Nebraska has only three active federal district judgeships, it is imperative this vacancy be filled as soon as possible for our small but extremely busy Court."

Judge Rossiter plans to carry a full caseload pending the confirmation of his successor and to maintain a significant caseload thereafter in senior status.

"I am honored and grateful to have served as a United States District Judge these last ten years and look forward to continuing to assist our busy Court, its judges, and its dedicated staff administering justice in the important matters brought before our Court," said Judge Rossiter.