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State of North Dakota

SUPREME COURT
BISMARCK

November 11, 2022

The Honorable Douglas Burgum
Office of the Governor, State of North Dakota
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0100

Dear Governor Burgum,

I have decided to retire from service as a justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court. I intend for my last day in office to be January 31, 2023.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of North Dakota for over sixty years—twenty years as an assistant attorney general and over forty years as a justice of the supreme court. However, recent health challenges have made it increasingly difficult for me to continue to do so. Recognizing that it will take some time to appoint a successor, I have decided to retire from the bench at the end of January, unless circumstances require an earlier departure.

I thank my supreme and district court colleagues, my former law clerks, court staff, and the attorneys I have had the pleasure to work with throughout my career. Their names are too numerous to mention, but I express my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of them. I am also grateful for your friendship and for the support I have received from you, Governor Burgum, the former governors, legislators, and all the other state officials who supported me and the judicial branch throughout the years. And finally, with deep appreciation, I recognize and thank the people of North Dakota for the confidence they demonstrated by electing and re-electing me after my initial appointment. It is great to be a North Dakotan!

Yours sincerely,

Gerald W. VandeWalle