

PRESS RELEASE

United States District Judge Daniel L. Hovland has assumed the role of Chief Judge for the District of North Dakota effective November 1, 2016. The Chief Judge provides the court with strategic leadership, court governance, court-management oversight, and case-management oversight. The Chief Judge represents the District at the Judicial Conference of the United States and the Eighth Circuit Judicial Council. Chief Judge Hovland graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead in 1976 (summa cum laude) and from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1979 (with distinction). Hovland was appointed to the federal bench in 2002 by President George W. Bush. The position of Chief Judge is a statutory appointment for a period of seven years.