**CHIEF JUDGE RANDALL R. RADER TO STEP DOWN AS CHIEF JUDGE ON MAY 30, 2014**

Chief Judge Randall R. Rader today announced his intention to step down as chief judge on May 30, 2014. Judge Rader will continue in active service on the court. He will also undertake additional teaching, lecturing and travel. Consistent with statutory succession provisions, Judge Sharon Prost will succeed Judge Rader as the chief judge.