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COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

United States District Court Judge Richard F. Cebull of the Billings Division of the District of Montana has announced his intent to retire effective May 3, 2013. Judge Cebull made the announcement in a letter to the Chief Justice of the United States dated March 29, 2013.

Due to a combination of his age and years of service as a federal judge, Judge Cebull became eligible to assume senior status or retire in March of this year. Judge Cebull assumed senior status on March 18, 2013.

Judge Cebull began his legal career in Billings following his graduation from the University of Montana School of Law in 1969. He was a partner in the Billings law firm of Brown, Gerbase, Cebull, Fulton, Harman and Ross from 1972 to 1997. While in private practice Judge Cebull was a highly accomplished attorney. He served as a Trustee of the State Bar of Montana, and was recognized by his peers as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Cebull was appointed United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Montana in 1998. He served as a magistrate in Great Falls, Montana, until 2001, when he was nominated by President George W. Bush to be a United States District Court Judge in Billings, Montana. Following his confirmation by the United States Senate, Judge Cebull received his commission on July 25, 2001. He served as the Chief Judge of the District of Montana from 2008 to 2013.

Judge Cebull is 69 years old. He was born in Billings and raised in Roundup, Montana.