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### COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

Senior United States District Court Judge Charles C. Lovell of the Helena Division of the District of Montana has assumed inactive senior status after 36 years of service on the federal bench in the District of Montana. Judge Lovell has relinquished his pending caseload and will no longer maintain a chambers in the Helena Division.

Judge Lovell was nominated by President Ronald Reagan on March 27, 1985, to a new seat authorized by 98 Stat. 333. He was confirmed by the Senate on April 3, 1985, and received his commission on April 4, 1985. Judge Lovell assumed senior status on June 14, 2000. He maintained a regular case load following his transition to senior status, resulting in 36 years of service as a federal judge. In 2017 the Court produced a biographical film depicting Judge Lovell's career. The film can be viewed at <https://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/district-montana-history>.

Following his graduation from the University of Montana in 1952, Judge Lovell entered active duty for the U.S. Air Force as a weapons controller. He transferred to active reserve in 1954 and reached the rank of captain before he was released to honorary retired reserve in 1967.

Judge Lovell began his legal career in Helena following his graduation from the University of Montana School of Law in 1959. He was in private practice from 1959-1985. During that time, he served as the Chief Counsel for the Office of the Montana Attorney General in Helena from 1969-1972.

Judge Lovell is an institution in the District of Montana, and his absence will be felt throughout the federal court family. The judges and staff of the District of Montana deeply appreciate Judge Lovell's contribution to the administration of justice in Montana.