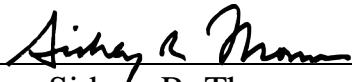


**UNITED STATES COURTS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**  
**DESIGNATION OF A CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR SERVICE IN A**  
**DISTRICT COURT WITHIN THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 291(b), I hereby designate The Honorable **N. Randy Smith**, United States Senior Circuit Judge to sit with the District of Montana on an as-needed basis beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, and for such additional time required in advance to prepare or thereafter to complete unfinished business.

December 30, 2019

  
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Sidney R. Thomas  
Chief Judge

cc: Hon. N. Randy Smith  
Hon. Dana Christensen, Chief Judge, District of Montana  
Molly Dwyer, Clerk of Court, Court of Appeals  
Tyler Gilman, Clerk of Court, District of Montana