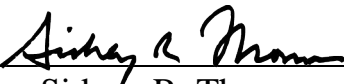


UNITED STATES COURTS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT
DESIGNATION OF A CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR SERVICE IN A
DISTRICT COURT WITHIN THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 291(b), I hereby designate The Honorable **Sidney R. Thomas**, United States Chief 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



Sidney R. Thomas
Chief Judge

cc: Hon. Sidney R. Thomas
Hon. Dana Christensen, Chief Judge, District of Montana
Molly Dwyer, Clerk of Court, Court of Appeals
Tyler Gilman, Clerk of Court, District of Montana