

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
BY THE HONORABLE MILTON D. MASON,
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF MINNESOTA,
FOR RETIREMENT ON JUNE 30, 1974,
PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF M.S.
490.101 AND 490.102

ORDER FOR RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Honorable Milton D. Mason, Judge of the District Court of Minnesota, Fifth Judicial District, has heretofore filed with the undersigned Governor of the State of Minnesota his written application for retirement, said application being made under and pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 490.101 and Section 490.102; and

WHEREAS, the said Judge Milton D. Mason has served as such judge, or as such judge and as such judge of a court of record for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS, all necessary legal requirements have been met for such retirement application,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting pursuant to the provisions of Section 490.101 and Section 490.102, do hereby comply with the request of the Honorable Milton D. Mason, Judge of the District Court of Minnesota, Fifth Judicial District, and therefore order and direct said retirement to become effective at the close of business on June 30, 1974, and further direct that this Order be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, after which time said retirement of the Honorable Milton D. Mason shall become effective and he shall become entitled thereafter to retirement compensation as provided under the law.

Dated at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, this
3rd day of June, 1974.

Wendell R. Anderson
WENDELL R. ANDERSON
Governor of the State of Minnesota

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Secretary of State

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MILTON D. MASON
JUDGE

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Hon. Wendell R. Anderson
Governor
The State of Minnesota
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Anderson:

On June 10, 1974, I will have served on the district court bench for 25 years. During this period, it has been my good fortune to work with many lawyers of the state. You were one of those lawyers. One cannot continue in office forever. After a quarter of a century of service to the judicial branch of government in Minnesota, I feel it is time to cease my active service.

At this time I am not making a public statement. I had intended doing so on the anniversary of my appointment, but on that day I will be speaking to the state meeting of clerks of court at Quadna. The announcement of my retirement will take place either June 7 or June 12. I feel that you should be aware of the situation in advance.

Needless to say, I will miss the close association with the lawyers. They are interesting--all are different. Each in his own way, imbued with the ideals of his profession, is doing the best he possibly can to see that justice prevails. I have enjoyed being a part of that endeavor.

The personal associations have also meant a great deal to me. Incidents such as the clerk at St. Peter leading the jury in singing happy birthday to me, which you recalled last winter, is an example. The messages I received while hospitalized, and particularly the lovely orchids you sent me, can never be forgotten.

But all this is prologue. Will you please consider this letter as a resignation from the office of Judge of District Court for the Fifth Judicial District in Minnesota, to take effect after June 30, 1974. I appreciated the fact that I was appointed to my position. I pass to you the task of appointing my successor.

Very sincerely yours,

Milton D. Mason

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