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Mark L. Wolf, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, has today informed the President of the United States that he will become a Senior Judge on January 1, 2013, the day after his term as Chief Judge is concluded. Chief Judge Wolf wrote the President that he will continue to render substantial service as a Senior Judge.

Federal law provides that a judge who is at least 65-years old and has served for at least 15 years may continue in regular active service, become a Senior Judge, or retire and receive as an annuity his last salary for life. While a Senior Judge continues to render substantial judicial service, by taking that status Chief Judge Wolf creates a vacancy which, when filled, provides the District Court a new, additional judge.

Chief Judge Wolf was appointed to the District Court in 1985. His statutory, seven-year term as Chief Judge ends on December 31, 2012, when he will be succeeded by Judge Patti B. Saris. On January 1, 2013, Judge Wolf will be 66-years old and have served for more than 27 years. He will join Edward Harrington and Michael Ponsor as Senior Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

In his letter to the President, Chief Judge Wolf wrote:

It was an honor to have been appointed in 1985 to be a judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. It has been a privilege to serve on this distinguished court for the past 27 years and as its Chief Judge since 2006. While I look forward to continuing to render substantial service as a Senior Judge, I am confident that my court and my community will be enriched by also having the undoubtedly younger additional judge who will be appointed to fill the vacancy created as a result of my becoming a Senior Judge.

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