

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Dear Federal Bar,

In consultation with and with the support of my family and my staff, I will retire on March 31, 2017.

I have enjoyed the humbling honor of serving for over thirty-five years as a federal district judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. I cannot imagine a finer, more rewarding career. I have been supported by the brightest and most dedicated office staff, law clerks, Clerk's Office personnel, United States Probation Officers, Deputy United States Marshals and Court Security Officers. It has been an honor to serve alongside my esteemed colleagues on the Federal bench, and to work with hundreds of the most brilliant and zealous lawyers in the country.

My first priority always has been my family, but closely on its heels follows my commitment to duty, excellence and fairness in the administration of justice in the Eastern District of North Carolina. I cannot stress strongly enough what pleasure and professional satisfaction I have enjoyed.

I understand that tradition calls for some manner of formal send-off for retiring judges. It is my earnest desire that such an occasion not be arranged; your respect and support these past thirty-five years is an enduring testimonial to your faith and respect for the work we do. I ask only that you continue the tradition of diligence and thirst for justice that has been the hallmark of our years together.

All the best,

*James C. Fox*  
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