

## WELCOME FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE

On behalf of the Southern District of Iowa it is my privilege to welcome you to your web site. It is my hope that by providing the kind of information that you need about your federal court it will allow each of you to feel that you are indeed welcome here. I would like each viewer to keep in mind that this is **your** federal court. That means, the Court including this web-site belongs to each one of you and we welcome your suggestions as to how we can better serve your needs as concerned citizens, litigants, jurors and lawyers. While the "third branch" of your government remains the only non-elected branch of Government I want to remind everyone that we still depend on the "consent of the governed" if we are to properly perform our duties. The "Governed" in this instance is you. For that and other reasons we need your input and welcome it either in writing or via email to our Webmaster about improvements to any aspect of our public duties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Longstaff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "L".

Ronald E. Longstaff  
Chief Judge  
Southern District of Iowa