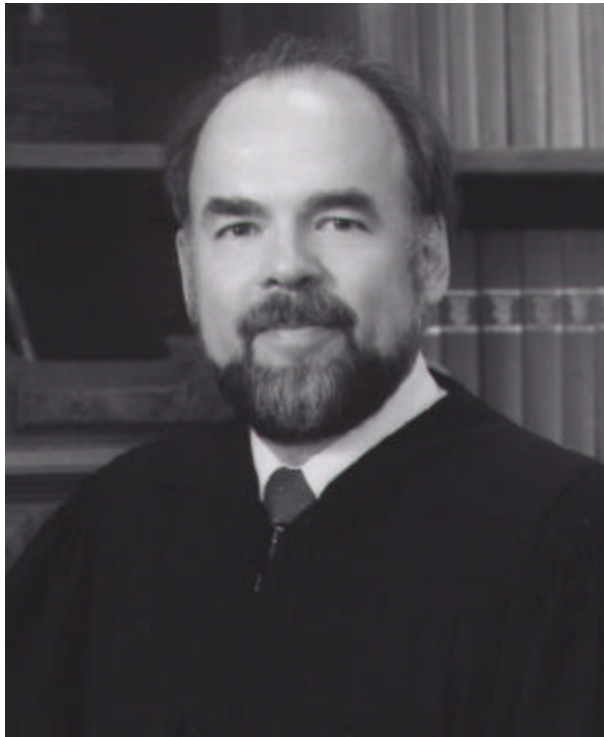


**Members of the  
South Dakota Supreme Court**



***Chief Justice David Gilbertson***  
Fifth District, Sisseton

Chief Justice Gilbertson, a native of Sisseton, was elected to a 4-year term as Chief Justice by the members of the Supreme Court in September 2001. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in April 1995 to represent the Fifth Supreme Court District and was retained by the voters in the 1998 general election. Chief Justice Gilbertson received his undergraduate degree from South Dakota State University in 1972 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1975. He engaged in private practice from 1975 until his appointment to the circuit court bench in 1986. During this time he also served as Roberts County Deputy State's Attorney and as City Attorney for the City of Sisseton. He is Past President of the South Dakota Judges Association; and is a member of the Glacial Lakes Bar Association, the Brown County Bar Association and the South Dakota Bar Association. He served on the Tribal-State Judges Forum in 1992 and the Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committee from 1986 to 1999. He serves on the Judicial-Bar Liaison Committee of the State Bar Association and has served as a Court Counsellor at South Dakota Boys State since 1995. Born October 29, 1949, he and his wife Deborah, have four children.



***Justice Richard W. Sabers***  
Second District, Sioux Falls

Justice Sabers was born in Salem on February 12, 1938. He received his B.A. degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1960 and, after graduation, served two years as a lieutenant with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the United States and in Germany. He attended University of South Dakota School of Law, where he was associate editor of the Law Review. He received his law degree in 1966 and enjoyed an active career as a trial lawyer in Sioux Falls for almost twenty years. He was a partner with the law firm of Moore, Rasmussen, Sabers and Kading at the time of his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1986. Justice Sabers was retained by the voters in the 1990 general election and again in the 1998 general election. Justice Sabers was a member of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers' Association, the American Bar Association, and was President of the Second Judicial Circuit Bar in 1982-83. Justice Sabers lives in Sioux Falls. He and his late wife Colleen have three children, Steven, Susan and Michael. In June 2000 he married Ellie Schmitz, who has three children Jason, Joseph and Ann. Together they have five grandchildren.



***Justice Robert A. Amundson***  
Fourth District, Vermillion

Justice Amundson, a Sioux Falls native, was born on July 12, 1938. He graduated from Washington High School in 1956 and from Augustana College in 1961. He received his law degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1964, then served as an assistant attorney general from 1965 to 1969 and as South Dakota Securities Commissioner from 1969 to 1970. He was in private legal practice in Belle Fourche and Lead from 1970 to 1987, while serving also as South Dakota Bar Commissioner (1971-1974), and as a member and Chairman of the South Dakota Disciplinary Committee (1981-1986). In 1987, he was appointed by Governor Mickelson to the circuit judge position vacated by the retirement of Judge Robert Patterson in Minnehaha County (Second Judicial Circuit). Justice Amundson was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1991 and was retained by the voters in 1994. As a member of the Supreme Court, Justice Amundson maintains his official chambers in Sioux Falls.



***Justice John K. Konenkamp***  
First District, Rapid City

Justice Konenkamp, born October 20, 1944, represents the First Supreme Court District, which includes Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade and Pennington counties. After serving in the United States Navy, he attended the University of South Dakota School of Law, graduating in 1974. He practiced in Rapid City as a Deputy States Attorney until 1977. He then engaged in private practice until 1984 when he was appointed a Circuit Judge. In May 1988, he became Presiding Judge of the Seventh Circuit. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1994 after ten years on the trial bench and was retained by the voters in the 1998 general election. He is a member of the State Bar of South Dakota, American Legion, Pennington County Bar Association, and a Director in the American Judicature Society. Justice Konenkamp and his wife, Geri, are former foster parents for the Department of Social Services. Justice Konenkamp serves on a number of boards advancing the improvement of the legal system and the protection of children, including the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the Advisory Board for the Casey Family Program. Justice Konenkamp and his wife have two adult children, Kathryn and Matthew.



***Acting Justice Max A. Gors***  
Third District, Pierre

Acting Justice Max A. Gors was born in Viborg, South Dakota, on January 21, 1945, and grew up on farm in Turner County. When his family moved to Sioux Falls, Judge Gors went from a one-room country school to Washington High which was the largest high school in the country at the time. After graduation from Augustana College in 1967, he went to law school at Drake University in Des Moines and served as an Assistant Attorney General in Iowa. Returning to South Dakota in 1971, he worked for state government as an Assistant Attorney General and later as Deputy Secretary of Public Safety, then Director of Energy Policy and finally as Secretary of Commerce. After practicing law for several years in Pierre, and serving as chairman of the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles, Judge Gors was appointed magistrate judge in 1989, elected circuit judge in 1990 and reelected in 1998. Judge Gors has served as President of the South Dakota Judges Association and is currently a member of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Judge Gors teaches business law at Capital University Center in Pierre. He and Rosemarie Baukol from Webster were married in 1968. They have four children and a grandson.



***Chief Justice Robert A. Miller (Ret.)***  
Third District, Pierre

Retired Chief Justice Robert A. Miller was born August 28, 1939, in Aberdeen. He received his business degree from USD in 1961 and his law degree in 1963. After serving two years as an assistant attorney general, he practiced law for six years in Philip, serving as state's attorney and city attorney. He was appointed to the Sixth Circuit bench in 1971 and was presiding judge of the circuit from 1976 until 1986. He received his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1986 and was retained by the voters in the 1990 general election and again in the 1998 general election. He was elected to 4-year terms as Chief Justice by the members of the Supreme Court in 1990, 1994 and 1998. He retired in September 2001. Retired Chief Justice Miller has been President of the State's Attorneys' Association and of the Judges' Association and Chair of the S.D. Retirement System Board of Trustees. He serves as a Court Counsellor at South Dakota Boys State. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Chief Justices, and serves on several of its committees, currently chairing its Resolutions Committee. He is liaison between the Conference of Chief Justices and the national Council of State Governments and serves on the CSG Executive Committee. In 1998 he was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute and presently serves as chair of that organization. He and his wife Shirlee are the parents of five children.