

Biography

United States District Judge Sunil R. Harjani took his oath of office on April 2, 2024. He was nominated to the position by President Joseph R. Biden on February 1, 2024 and confirmed by the Senate on March 12, 2024. Judge Harjani also served as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Northern District of Illinois (2019-2024) before assuming the position of district judge.

Prior to assuming the bench, from September 2008 through January 2019, he was an Assistant United States Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Section for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, where he investigated and prosecuted complex white-collar crimes. During his time as a federal prosecutor, Judge Harjani tried numerous securities and commodities matters, and other complex fraud cases to verdict in this district, as well as argued multiple appeals on behalf of the United States before the Seventh Circuit.

Prior to that, Judge Harjani practiced federal civil litigation as a Senior Counsel at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, as an associate at Jenner & Block, and as a federal judicial law clerk. Judge Harjani holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern Law School where he teaches classes on White Collar Criminal Practice, Federal Civil Discovery, and Depositions.