



**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604**

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Diane S. Sykes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit is pleased to announce the appointment of the Honorable Paul E. Singleton, St. Joseph Superior Court Magistrate Judge, to a 14-year term as Bankruptcy Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Judge Singleton will succeed Bankruptcy Judge Harry C. Dees, Jr. Judge Singleton will take the oath of office and join the bankruptcy bench in South Bend on July 29, 2021.

Judge Singleton earned his bachelor's degree with honors from Wake Forest University and his law degree, with Pro Bono Distinction, from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Before attending law school, Judge Singleton taught social studies for Teach for America at National Academy Foundation High School in Baltimore. After graduating from law school in 2009, he worked at Indiana Legal Services where he practiced family and landlord/tenant law. He then joined the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County where he handled cases involving civil protective orders. His professional experience also includes private practice in employment law at Faegre Baker Daniels (now Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP) and service as Assistant City Attorney for the City of South Bend. In July 2015 he was appointed Magistrate Judge for the St. Joseph Superior Court where he currently presides over criminal and civil cases.

Judge Singleton is a member of the St. Joseph County Bar Association and co-President of its Diversity Committee. He is a member of the St. Joseph County Bar Foundation, the Robert A. Grant American Inn of Court, and the Indiana Civil Bench Book Committee. He is on the Board of Directors of Indiana Legal Services and is a past board member of the Youth Services Bureau.

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