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U.S. District Court Honors Judge Daniel G. Martin in Memorial Ceremony and Special Court History Museum Exhibit

Chicago, Ill.- The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois honored Judge Daniel G. Martin, who passed away on October 11, in a memorial ceremony and by unveiling a special exhibit, chronicling Judge Martin's life, at the Court's History Museum.

Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, who spoke at the memorial ceremony, said, "Our district was blessed to have Judge Danny Martin serve on our Court. Judge Martin led a life dedicated to service and compassion for others. In addition to his outstanding service on our federal magistrate bench, he zealously represented the indigent as a federal defender for 28 years." Others noted that outside the courthouse, Judge Martin, from the time he was a teenager, was a devoted volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Association of Horizon.

Judge Martin's family; members of the bench; colleagues from his time at the Federal Defender's Office, Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Court; and friends spoke of his sense of humor, kindness, dedication to public service, and compassion for others at today's ceremony.

Judge Martin earned his undergraduate degree from DePaul University in 1981. He earned his law degree from Chicago-Kent Law School in 1984. Upon his graduation from law school, he became a Staff Attorney and then a Supervising Staff Attorney with the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois. There he tried more than sixty criminal jury trials and litigated more than forty cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In 2012, he was selected as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, joining the District Court on October 1, 2012. Judge Martin also served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at John Marshall Law School and Chicago-Kent College of Law, teaching several courses on Trial Advocacy. He was active as a volunteer with Muscular Dystrophy Association of America and founding member and volunteer with Association of Horizon, both organizations serving individuals with disabilities.

Speakers at the memorial included Chief Judge Rubén Castillo; District Judge Sara L. Ellis; Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez; Magistrate Judge Michael T. Mason; John Murphy, Executive Director of the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois; Justice David A.

Erickson (Ret.), Director of the Trial Advocacy Program, Co-Director of the Program in Criminal Litigation, and Senior Instructor, Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT; Richard S. Kling, Clinical Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT; Margaret Lipman, John Fischer, and Lynette Santiago, Judge Martin's Chambers Family; Dr. Alfred Martin, Judge Martin's cousin; Loretta Martin, Judge Martin's sister; James Martin, Judge Martin's brother; and Brianna Martin, Kayla Martin, and Azalea Parilla, Judge Martin's daughters.

The Court History Museum is located on the 21st Floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse and is open during regular court business hours.

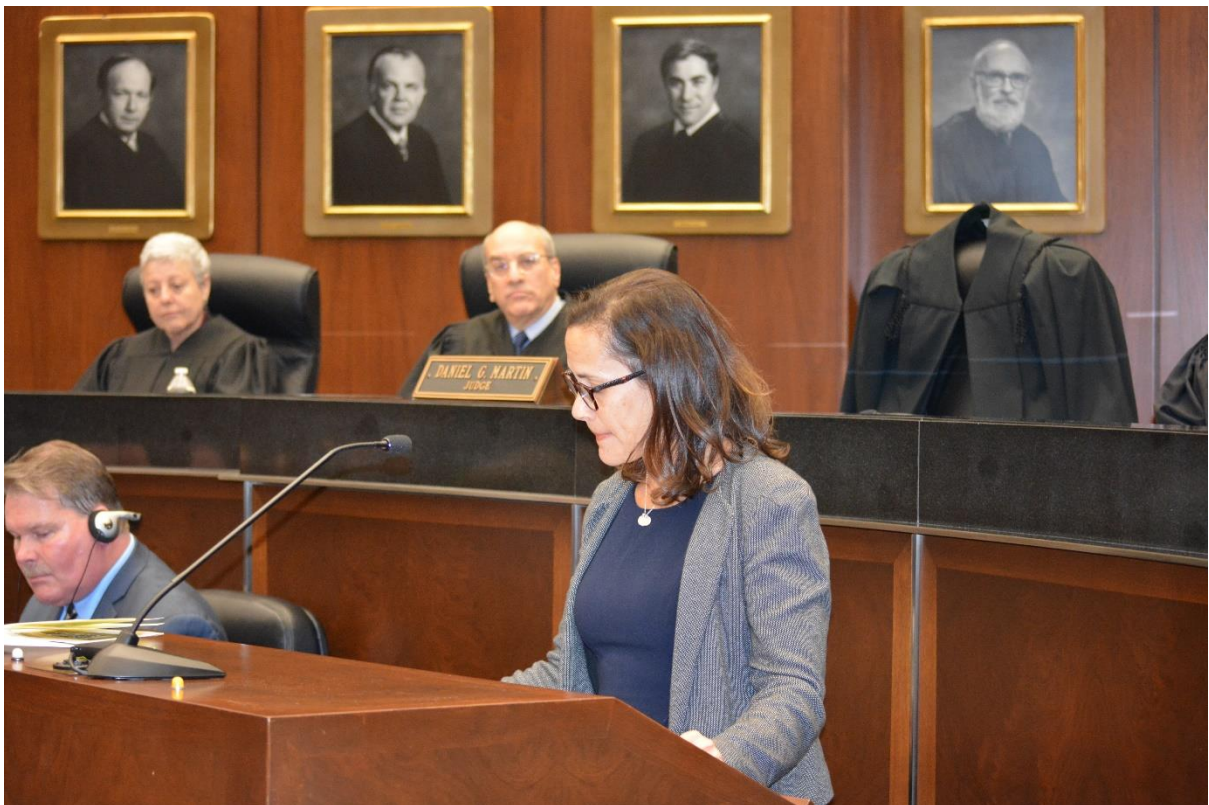
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Chief Judge Rubén Castillo



Judge Martin's daughters, (from left to right) Kayla Martin, Brianna Martin, and Azalea Parilla.



District Judge Sara L. Ellis