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On 38th Anniversary of his Judicial Commission, Judge Norgle Retires

Chicago, Ill.- District Judge Charles Ronald Norgle, Sr., took inactive senior status effective October 4, 2022. Judge Norgle has served as a U.S. District Judge since 1984.

“I want to thank Judge Norgle for his great dedication and service to this Court and the people of this district for 38 years,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer. In today’s letter to the President announcing his retirement, Judge Norgle stated that “It has been an honor and highest privilege to serve the country as a United States District Judge for these 38 years.”

Judge Norgle also sat by designation on the Federal Circuit and the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

On September 10, 1984, Judge Norgle was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to a new seat on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He was confirmed by the Senate on October 3, 1984 and received his commission on October 4, 1984. Born in Chicago, Illinois, Judge Norgle served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. Following his military service, he attended Northwestern University and earned his undergraduate degree in 1965. He received his law degree from John Marshall Law School (now University of Illinois Chicago School of Law) in 1969. He was an assistant state's attorney for DuPage County, Illinois from 1969 to 1971, and was a deputy public defender for DuPage County from 1971 to 1973. He became an associate judge for DuPage County in 1973, and then a circuit judge from 1977 to 1978, again serving as an associate judge from 1978 to 1981, and as a circuit judge from 1981 to 1984.

Beginning at age 65, a judge may retire at his or her current salary or take senior status after performing 15 years of active service as an Article III judge.

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