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Judge Lindsay C. Jenkins Sworn in as District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, Ill. - Today in a private ceremony, Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer swore in Lindsay C. Jenkins as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

“We are so pleased to welcome Judge Jenkins to the District Court. Judge Jenkins’ outstanding credentials, including her expertise litigating complex cases, will strengthen our bench and serve our district well,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

On July 14, 2022, President Biden announced his intent to nominate Judge Jenkins to serve as a U.S. District Judge, and on September 19, 2022, her nomination was sent to the Senate. Judge Jenkins’ nomination was advanced through the Senate Judiciary Committee in the last Congress but did not receive a final confirmation vote on the floor. President Biden re-nominated Judge Jenkins on January 3, 2023. On February 14, 2023, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. She received her judicial commission on February 24, 2023.

Prior to joining the Court, Judge Jenkins was a partner at Cooley LLP in Chicago, Illinois, where she worked since 2021. She previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois from 2006 to 2021. There she served as Chief or Deputy Chief of several units, including Chief of the Criminal Division from 2019 to 2021. Prior to her work as an AUSA, Judge Jenkins was an associate at Jones Day from 2004 to 2006. She served as a law clerk to Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio from 2002 to 2004. Judge Jenkins earned her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 2002, and her undergraduate degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1998.

Judge Jenkins fills the seat vacated by Judge John Z. Lee, who was elevated to the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals on September 9, 2022.

District court judges are nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate, as stated in the Constitution. The Senate Judiciary Committee typically conducts confirmation hearings for each nominee. Article III of the Constitution states that these judicial officers are appointed for a life term.

Judge Jenkins will immediately receive a caseload of 281 randomly assigned cases and will immediately be added to the civil case assignment system in order to be assigned new cases. Judge Jenkins will sit in Dirksen U.S. Courthouse Courtroom 2119, and her chambers will be in Chambers 2178.

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