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Keri L. Holleb Hotaling Sworn in as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

In a private ceremony, Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer swore in Keri L. Holleb Hotaling as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

“Our court is so pleased to welcome Judge Holleb Hotaling. She has extensive litigation experience that will be a wonderful addition to our hard-working magistrate bench,” said Judge Pallmeyer.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Holleb Hotaling served as an Assistant Deputy Attorney General for the Civil Litigation Division within the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. She assumed this position in February 2023. Prior to joining the Attorney General’s Office, she was a member of Jenner & Block’s Litigation Department for approximately 21 years. She joined Jenner as an associate in 2000 and was promoted to partner in 2009. Judge Holleb Hotaling served as a law clerk to Judge Philip Simon on the District Court for the Northern District of Indiana from 2003 to 2005, then returned to Jenner. She earned her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2000 and her undergraduate degree from Allegheny College in 1995.

Magistrate judges perform a variety of duties for the court, including conducting preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases and the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants. They conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings upon referral from a district judge of the court and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants. Magistrate judges serve a renewable eight-year term.

Magistrate Judge Holleb Hotaling will preside in Chicago. Judge Holleb Hotaling’s Courtroom is Courtroom 1700, and her chambers is in 1756 Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. A public swearing-in ceremony will be held at a future date.

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