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**Court Welcomes Magistrate Judge Keri L. Holleb Hotaling in Ceremonial Investiture**

Chicago, Ill. – On November 30, 2023, U.S. Magistrate Judge Keri L. Holleb Hotaling was sworn in at a ceremonial investiture.

“We are so pleased that Judge Holleb Hotaling has joined our court. Her extensive litigation experience is a wonderful addition to our talented magistrate bench,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

Chief Judge Pallmeyer welcomed guests. Judge Wayne R. Andersen (Retired) made the motion to administer the Oath of Office, and Judge Pallmeyer administered the Oath. Judge Philip P. Simon, Robert Graham, and Lisa T. Scruggs offered remarks.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Holleb Hotaling served as an Assistant Deputy Attorney General in 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.

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