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ANDREA WOOD'S NOMINATION AS JUDGE OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS CONFIRMED

CHICAGO – On Monday evening, October 14, 2013, the United States Senate confirmed the nomination of Andrea R. Wood as a U.S. district judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Judge-Designate Wood received her B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1995 and her Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School in 1998. After law school, Wood served as a law clerk to Circuit Judge Diane Wood of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit from 1998 to 1999. From 1999 to 2004, Andrea Wood was an associate at the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where she handled an active litigation practice primarily in federal court. Wood joined the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a Senior Attorney in 2004, and since that time has managed complex investigations and litigation matters involving a variety of securities law violations. Wood currently serves as Senior Trial Counsel in the Division of Enforcement of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, a position she has held since 2007.

Chief Judge Castillo said, "We will welcome Ms. Wood with open arms. She will serve with great distinction on our bench."

On May 6, 2013, President Obama nominated Wood to replace Judge William J. Hibbler, who died on March 19, 2012, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She received a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 19, 2013, and her nomination was reported to the floor of the Senate on July 18, 2013, by voice vote. The Senate confirmed her nomination on October 14, 2013, by voice vote. She is currently awaiting her commission.

Illinois' two U.S. Senators, Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk, have successfully worked together to recommend qualified individuals for federal judgeships to the President. The President has nominated Manish Shah to fill the remaining vacancy on the Northern District of Illinois bench.