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STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE RUBÉN CASTILLO ON THE PASSING OF DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN W. DARRAH

Judge John Darrah passed away today. Judge Darrah, who was appointed to the Court by President Bill Clinton in 2000, was 78 years old.

Throughout his time on the bench, Judge Darrah demonstrated an incredible sense of fairness and impartiality. He valued and embodied the importance of family. He and his wife Jeanine have 10 children.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Judge Darrah earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in 1965 and his law degree from Loyola University School of Law in 1969. He served as an attorney advisor for the Federal Trade Commission from 1969 to 1971. From 1971 until 1973, he was a Deputy Public Defender for the DuPage County Public Defender's Office. He was a DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney from 1973 until 1976. He was in private law practice in Illinois from 1976 until 1986. He was elected Circuit Court Judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit, DuPage County, Illinois, and served in the Chancery Division from 1986 to 2000. He taught as an adjunct professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law and John Marshall Law School.

Jack was an accomplished jurist and dedicated public servant, who had an indelible impact on our district. We will miss him tremendously. Our hearts and prayers are with Jack's family.

Chief Judge Rubén Castillo