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STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE JAMES F. HOLDERMAN ON THE PASSING OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARTIN C. ASHMAN

Magistrate Judge Martin C. Ashman passed away this morning. He was 81.

Judge Ashman became a U.S. magistrate judge in 1995. He retired June 30, 2009 and served as a recalled magistrate judge until his death today.

Judge Ashman was highly respected and beloved by all the lawyers who appeared before him.

Judge Ashman graduated DePaul University College of Law in 1953, and was in private practice for many years. He also served as a commissioner of the Illinois Court of Claims from 1974 to 1987. In 1987 he was appointed a Circuit Judge of Cook County by the Illinois Supreme Court. He was elected a circuit judge in 1988 and retained in 1994.

Marty was an outstanding jurist, a warm, gregarious human being, a tremendous mentor to younger judges, a true gentleman, and a wonderful colleague. We will miss him greatly and our hearts go out to his entire family.

I will personally miss him and the warm friendship we shared during our years together on the bench.

Chief Judge James F. Holderman