

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
3 EASTERN DIVISION

4 IN RE:

5 SPECIAL CEREMONIAL SESSION OF THE COURT  
6 TO THANK THE HONORABLE JAMES F. HOLDERMAN

7 AND

8 WELCOME THE HONORABLE RUBÉN CASTILLO

9 AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT

10 July 2, 2013  
11 3:00 o'clock p.m.  
12 Chicago, Illinois

13 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

14 APPEARANCES:

15 The Judiciary:

16 HON. JAMES F. HOLDERMAN  
17 HON. RUBÉN CASTILLO

18 HON. MARVIN E. ASPEN  
19 HON. ELAINE E. BUCKLO  
20 HON. EDMOND E. CHANG  
21 HON. SHARON JOHNSON COLEMAN  
22 HON. THOMAS M. DURKIN  
23 HON. GARY S. FEINERMAN  
24 HON. JOAN B. GOTTSCHALL  
25 HON. RONALD A. GUZMAN  
HON. WILLIAM T. HART  
HON. VIRGINIA M. KENDALL  
HON. MATTHEW F. KENNELLY  
HON. CHARLES P. KOCORAS  
HON. JOHN Z. LEE  
HON. HARRY D. LEINENWEBER  
HON. GEORGE M. MAROVICH  
HON. REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
HON. PHILIP G. REINHARD  
HON. MILTON I. SHADUR  
HON. AMY J. ST. EVE  
HON. JOHN J. THARP, JR.  
HON. JAMES B. ZAGEL

## 1 APPEARANCES: (Continued)

2 Seventh Circuit  
3 Court of Appeals:4 HON. WILLIAM J. BAUER  
5 HON. JOEL M. FLAUM  
6 HON. MICHAEL S. KANNE  
7 HON. ANN CLAIRE WILLIAMS  
8 HON. DIANE P. WOOD

## 9 Magistrate Judges:

10 HON. GERALDINE SOAT BROWN  
11 HON. JEFFREY COLE  
12 HON. SUSAN E. COX  
13 HON. SHEILA M. FINNEGAN  
14 HON. JEFFREY T. GILBERT  
15 HON. IAIN JOHNSTON  
16 HON. ARLANDER KEYS  
17 HON. YOUNG B. KIM  
18 HON. P. MICHAEL MAHONEY  
19 HON. DANIEL G. MARTIN  
20 HON. MICHAEL T. MASON  
21 HON. MARY M. ROWLAND  
22 HON. SIDNEY I. SCHENKIER  
23 HON. MARIA VALDEZ

## 24 Bankruptcy Judges:

25 HON. BRUCE W. BLACK, Chief Judge  
HON. JANET S. BAER  
HON. MANUEL BARBOSA  
HON. TIMOTHY A. BARNES  
HON. DONALD R. CASSLING  
HON. JACQUELINE P. COX  
HON. A. BENJAMIN GOLDGAR  
HON. PAMELA S. HOLLIS  
HON. THOMAS M. LYNCH  
HON. JACK B. SCHMETTERER  
HON. SUSAN P. SONDERBY  
HON. EUGENE R. WEDOFF26 Illinois Supreme  
27 Court:28 HON. THOMAS L. KILBRIDE  
29 HON. ANNE M. BURKE30 Illinois Appellate  
31 Court:32 HON. SHELVIN L. MARIE HALL  
33 HON. BERTINA E. LAMPKIN  
34 HON. JESSE REYES  
35

## 1 APPEARANCES: (Continued)

## 2 Illinois Circuit

3 Court of Cook County: HON. TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge  
4 HON. E. KENNETH WRIGHT  
5 HON. GRACE DICKLER  
6 HON. JORGE LUIS ALONSO  
7 HON. MAURICIO ARAUJO  
8 HON. CHERYL CESARIO  
9 HON. GLORIA CHEVERE  
10 HON. ISRAEL DESIERTO  
11 HON. VICTORIA FERRER  
12 HON. WILLIAM HOOKS  
13 HON. PAUL C. LILLIOS  
14 HON. PATRICIA MENDOZA  
15 HON. MARY MINELLA  
16 HON. THOMAS MULROY  
17 HON. RAMON OCASIO III  
18 HON. CYNTHIA RAMIREZ  
19 HON. SANDRA RAMOS  
20 HON. BERTHA RAQUEÑA  
21 HON. BEATRIZ SANTIAGO  
22 HON. FRANKLIN VALDERRAMA

23 Circuit Executive,  
24 Judicial Counsel,  
25 Seventh Circuit:

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Executive Director,  
Federal Defender:

MS. CAROL A. BROOK

Clerk of the Court: MR. THOMAS G. BRUTON

United States Marshal: MR. DARRYL K. McPHERSON

Distinguished  
Speakers:

MR. ROBERTO R. CASTILLO  
HON. GUSTAVO A. GELPÍ,  
USDC District of Puerto Rico

Family Members:

RUBÉN CASTILLO, SR.  
SYLVIA MOJICA-CASTILLO  
ROBERTO AND SARAH CASTILLO  
FRANCISCA AND AGNES DEJONG

And Other Distinguished Family and Guests

1 (Proceedings heard in open court:)

2 THE MARSHAL: All rise.

3 Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye. Judges of the Northern  
4 District of Illinois in Special Ceremonial Session.

5 God save the United States and this Honorable Court.

6 Please be seated and come to order.

7 THE CLERK: In the Matter of the Special Ceremony for  
8 the Chief Judge of the Northern District of Illinois.

9 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Welcome, all, to  
10 this ceremonial session of our court. I would ask the folks,  
11 if they can find a seat, to come on in. We've got an  
12 overflow. We've got an overflow courtroom today. So we're  
13 pleased to have you stand, as well, if you desire to do that.

14 We thank each of you for being here today as we  
15 officially welcome our judicial brother Rubén Castillo as  
16 Chief Judge of our court, the first Latino to hold the  
17 position.

18 (Applause.)

19 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: As announced on our  
20 court's website, matters of chief judge succession are  
21 governed by statute which is self-executing, but justice is  
22 true in other aspects of life. The law is but the starting  
23 point because having this ceremony on this occasion, this  
24 historic occasion, gives us all gathered here today an  
25 opportunity to reflect on the fact that those of us whose

1 professional lives revolve around the judicial process,  
2 whether it be in federal court, state court, Supreme Court of  
3 Illinois or anywhere else, we are all part of a family, the  
4 court family.

5 Ceremonies like this are important because they  
6 demonstrate to all of us that despite the strenuous legal  
7 struggles that we witness in this courthouse, courthouses  
8 across the state, courthouses across the nation, we are all  
9 joined in a common effort to resolve human disputes by  
10 providing justice fairly, impartially and in accordance with  
11 the law. We are all partners, partners in the process of  
12 providing justice to all persons who come through the doors of  
13 our courthouses.

14 We in this country take pride in the fact that in our  
15 country, we engage in the peaceful and orderly succession of  
16 leadership, and we take this opportunity today to offer public  
17 tribute to Chief Judge Castillo who is willing to take on the  
18 responsibilities and new duties in leading our court.

19 Before we proceed further, I'd like to acknowledge  
20 that with us here today are many officials and judges, past  
21 and present members of our court family, treasured friends,  
22 loved ones. We have limited time, so I will not be able to  
23 acknowledge all of the important people here. I may miss one  
24 or two, and I apologize in advance for that. However, I  
25 cannot emphasize enough how much we appreciate your sharing

1 these moments with us, as we engage in the process of publicly  
2 acknowledging our new Chief Judge.

3 At this time, I would like to acknowledge our new  
4 Chief Judge with his family sitting together here in the front  
5 rows. In due course, Chief Judge Castillo will introduce each  
6 of them, but I will ask you all now to join me in a round of  
7 applause for the proud Castillo family.

8 (Applause.)

9 JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Looking next to the north jury box,  
10 as is our tradition, and as also is our tradition, it's hard  
11 to see everyone in the north jury box from this location, and  
12 I appreciate Judge Williams kind of leaning over so I can see  
13 her. We have a number of judges from the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of  
14 Appeals, and we appreciate very much in the back row, Judge  
15 Ann Williams.

16 Next to her, our sterling Circuit Executive, Collins  
17 Fitzpatrick.

18 Next to him is our very short-cropped Judge Mike  
19 Kanne, Circuit Judge Mike Kanne.

20 Next to him even shorter cropped is former Chief  
21 Judge Bill Bauer.

22 Moving back to the right-hand side, another former  
23 Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Judge  
24 Joel Flaum.

25 Next to him, the future Chief Judge of the Court of

1 Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Judge Diane Wood.

2 And then next to him, the Chief Judge of the Circuit  
3 Court of -- next to her, the Circuit Court of Cook County,  
4 Chief Judge Tim Evans and another chief, the Chief Justice of  
5 the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, Tom Kilbride.

6 Thank you very much. Let's give you all a round of applause.

7 (Applause.)

8 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: I missed Judge Bill  
9 Hooks in the back. He's not yet a chief judge, but at some  
10 point in time I'm sure in his career he will be. So thank  
11 you, Judge, for being here as well.

12 We have a number of other guests, as I've mentioned,  
13 and we are honored to have all of the Illinois judges and  
14 justices and judges from the Appellate Court, the Circuit  
15 Court of Cook County.

16 I also see some other good friends. I see Judge  
17 Mannie Barbosa, who is retired from the Western District. I  
18 thought I saw Judge David Coar. Did I miss Judge  
19 David Coar -- oh, boy, in the back.

20 See, you retire, and this is what happens.

21 (Laughter.)

22 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Also retired U.S.  
23 Magistrate Judge Mort Denlow has told me he was here or would  
24 be here. Oh, he's also in the back.

25 Okay. All right. Turning then to the south jury

1 box, we are honored to have with us our district's outstanding  
2 magistrate judges led by presiding Magistrate Judge Geraldine  
3 Soat Brown. I've often said, and will continue to say because  
4 I firmly believe it, we have here in the Northern District of  
5 Illinois the best magistrate judge bench in the country.

6 We are also blessed today to have with us our  
7 outstanding group of United States Bankruptcy Judges. And  
8 where are they seated? Oh, across the room, okay. And headed  
9 by Chief Judge Bruce Black, and we thank you all for your  
10 attendance.

11 I would also like to acknowledge and welcome the  
12 members of our District Court Clerk's Office. I see some are  
13 even standing. Others are seated. And, of course, headed by  
14 our Clerk of Court, Tom Bruton.

15 Also our Probation Department personnel headed by  
16 Chief Probation Officer Jeanne Walsh, our Pretrial Services  
17 Office led by Chief Ann Marie Carey, and, of course, our  
18 United States Marshal, Darryl McPherson, who is overseeing the  
19 supervision of this obviously unruly crowd here.

20 (Laughter.)

21 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: I also welcome our  
22 Executive Director of the Federal Defender Office, Carol  
23 Brook, who is here somewhere. Yes, also in the back.

24 The Castillo family is rather large.

25 (Laughter.)

1           PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: And also our acting  
2 United States Attorney, Gary Shapiro, as well as other members  
3 of their respective offices.

4           I also was informed that the Cook County State's  
5 Attorney Anita Alvarez would be -- oh, there she is. Closer  
6 to the front. That's better. That's a good thing. Thank you  
7 for joining us today.

8           Now, Senator Durbin and Senator Kirk are wrapping  
9 things up in Washington for the 4th of July holiday, but they  
10 have sent their representatives. From Senator Durbin's  
11 office, we have Mike Daly and Clarisol Duque. Are they here  
12 somewhere?

13           Oh, standing in the back. See, that's -- we usually  
14 can find a seat for you, but thank you for joining us.

15           Also from Senator Kirk's office, Constance Palas is  
16 here somewhere. Perhaps she's also out in the hallway, but I  
17 saw Peter Baugher, who heads the Senator Kirk's Judicial  
18 Selection Committee, is here. Thank you very much for joining  
19 us today.

20           We also want to welcome several heads of the various  
21 bar associations. I may not touch on all the bar  
22 associations, but seated to my immediate right, your left, we  
23 are very honored to have with us United States District Judge  
24 Gustavo A. Gelpí, Jr., who is the national president-elect of  
25 the Federal Bar Association, the National Federal Bar

1 Association, who has traveled all the way from his post in the  
2 District Court in Puerto Rico to join us and provide us a few  
3 words, and we appreciate your joining us.

4 Also with us we have the current president of the  
5 Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. I believe  
6 he's here, George Jackson. Is he -- in the back. Oh, he  
7 couldn't even make it in the room. George, at least we'll  
8 wave. Thank you.

9 (Laughter.)

10 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Also with us, too,  
11 the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Bar Association president and good friend Julie  
12 Bauer is here. Okay, thank you, Julie, for joining us,  
13 Attorney Julie Bauer.

14 Also with us is Alejandro Menchaca, who is president  
15 of the Hispanic -- oh, good. Thank you -- the Hispanic  
16 Lawyers Association of Illinois.

17 Additionally, Mr. Tim Eaton, the newly installed  
18 president of the Chicago Bar Association is here. There he  
19 is. Thanks, Tim.

20 And last, but not least, with regard to bar  
21 associations -- those of you who are chuckling know who I'm  
22 going to introduce now -- the president of the Illinois State  
23 Bar Association, my personal favorite bar association  
24 president, Paula H. Holderman.

25 Let's give them all a round of applause.

1 (Applause.)

2 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: And if you folks  
3 would just indulge me for a brief moment of personal  
4 privilege, since this is the last time I get to preside at one  
5 of these events, I want to take just a moment to thank my  
6 chambers staff and the chambers staff of the Chief Judge of  
7 the Northern District of Illinois for all of their efforts.

8 I want to acknowledge Larry Collins, who I'm sure is  
9 somewhere out in the hallway or over to the side. There he  
10 is, Larry Collins. Gabriela Kennedy, who's been the judicial  
11 assistant. Larry Collins and Gabriela Kennedy will continue  
12 in their positions as the Administrative Assistant to the  
13 Chief Judge and Judicial Assistant to the Chief Judge. They  
14 are absolutely outstanding. I have enjoyed the seven years we  
15 have worked together very much. I want to have them, give  
16 them a round of applause as well.

17 (Applause.)

18 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: And having already  
19 moved with me from the 25th floor back to my old chambers on  
20 the 21st floor where I served as a regular District Judge --  
21 my wife calls that an oxymoron -- but a regular active  
22 District Judge, moving with me were and are my judicial  
23 assistant, Peggy Winkler, my courtroom deputy, Nicole Fratto.  
24 In the back there, yes, waving. Thank you. My court  
25 reporter, Colleen Conway. They're also in the back. They're

1 assisting in ushering as well. My executive law clerk, Amy  
2 Rettberg. My senior law clerk, Daniel Theis. I want to thank  
3 them.

4 As I've told them, and they know, and I choke up a  
5 little bit about the way I feel about the way they work, I am  
6 honored each day, and I've told them this in the past, I am  
7 honored each day to come to this court and have an opportunity  
8 to work with them because of the excellence that they provide  
9 to the people of this country and the Northern District of  
10 Illinois. Please give them a round of applause.

11 (Applause.)

12 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Thank you.

13 We haven't done this Chief Judge installation thing  
14 for quite a while. It's been seven years, and a lot has  
15 happened on our court in those seven years since July of 2006.  
16 We've welcomed eight new District Judges: Judges Kapala, Dow,  
17 Feinerman, Coleman, Chang, Lee, Tharp and Durkin. They  
18 comprise more than one-third of the active judges on our  
19 court.

20 Additionally, seven new Magistrate Judges: Judges  
21 Cox, Gilbert, Finnegan, Kim, Martin, Rowland and Johnston.  
22 More than half of that bench have joined us.

23 I want to pause for a moment because magistrate  
24 judges, unlike district judges where we're appointed by the  
25 President, nominated by the President, confirmed by the

1 Senate, magistrate judges actually have a tougher road to the  
2 bench. They must go through a screening process by a merit  
3 screening panel, and the quality of our magistrate judges  
4 bench is in large part due to the quality of the people who  
5 serve without compensation, really without notoriety, on that  
6 magistrate judge merit selection panel.

7           We've had several magistrate judge merit selection  
8 panels over the last seven years, and I want to personally  
9 thank the chairs. Well, everybody that's been on that panel,  
10 but certainly the chairs, attorneys Aurora Austriaco, Karen  
11 Enright and Jim Figliuolo in the Eastern Division, and Judge  
12 Val Gunnarsson in the Western Division, who recommended the  
13 outstanding magistrate judges to us in the last seven years.

14           Additionally, we've had four terrific new bankruptcy  
15 judges joining us in the last seven years, Judges Cassling,  
16 Barnes, Baer and Lynch. More than a third of that bench have  
17 come on board.

18           We've also welcomed since 2006 a new clerk of the  
19 court, Tom Bruton; two new chiefs of probation, Chris Phillips  
20 and Jeanne Walsh; a new Federal Defender Executive Director; a  
21 new acting United States Attorney; several new wardens, Chuck  
22 Nicklin is one of them who's working with us now and doing an  
23 excellent job.

24           We've also brought on more than 10,000 new attorneys  
25 and since 2006 was the first year, first full year in which we

1 had mandatory e-filing, we have brought on board 25,000 active  
2 e-filers.

3 In addition to the personnel, we, with the  
4 substantial help of Phil Reinhard -- where is Phil? -- down  
5 the hall or down the bench, we broke ground, built and opened  
6 the Stanley J. Roszkowski Courthouse in Rockford, an  
7 outstanding courthouse.

8 We've made several renovations here in the Dirksen  
9 courthouse. I don't want to comment on how outstanding they  
10 may have been, but our civil filings in our court are now up  
11 to a 25-year high, up 43 percent since 2006. I believe that's  
12 because of the outstanding judges and court personnel who are  
13 part of this court and this courthouse and this district. All  
14 of them are conscientious, congenial, caring, hard working and  
15 provide justice to all on a daily basis.

16 I am inspired as I think about the future of this  
17 great court. The great court can only sustain its greatness  
18 with great leadership. We have that in Chief Judge Castillo.

19 I have known him since his days in the United States  
20 Attorney's Office in the 1980s. I don't know if you remember  
21 the Salim Fakhoury case that we had together. I think it was  
22 1986 when you were trying that case before me.

23 We've worked together on this bench all of his  
24 19 years. We've done programs together. As I said on our  
25 court website, this is an historic day. I am delighted to

1 turn over my Chief Judge responsibilities to so capable and  
2 talented a jurist as Chief Judge Castillo. Let's give him one  
3 more round of applause.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: And I will now call  
6 on Mr. Roberto R. Castillo, son of our incoming Chief Judge,  
7 for a motion.

8 MR. ROBERTO CASTILLO: Judges of the Court of  
9 Appeals, judges of this court, judges of our state court,  
10 Chief Judge Holderman, as a completely objective third party,  
11 I would like to make a motion that my father, Rubén Castillo,  
12 be sworn in as the new Chief Judge of this district.

13 When I was asked if I would bring this motion, I was  
14 doubtful at first as to its success, but I was assured it was  
15 a winning motion, and so I agreed to do it.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. ROBERTO CASTILLO: Nevertheless, in support of  
18 this motion, I'm going to bring some evidence forward that  
19 will show why this motion should be successful, and basically  
20 it goes down to one thing: The Chicago Blackhawks won the Cup  
21 this year.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. ROBERTO CASTILLO: And this is relevant, you  
24 know.

25 (Laughter.)

1 MR. ROBERTO CASTILLO: You see, my dad is actually,  
2 he's a great dad, and he's always managed to really balance  
3 his career and his family life. You know, he's passed up  
4 opportunities to move to other cities. He's passed up  
5 opportunities to make more money so that he could spend more  
6 time with us. And as a result, me and him have enjoyed many  
7 of Blackhawks' games together, and I'm grateful for that.

8 My dad was born and raised in Chicago, he fell in  
9 love in Chicago, he got married in Chicago, he raised his own  
10 family in Chicago, and he truly has left a mark in the legal  
11 field in Chicago. And very importantly throughout all these  
12 years, he's remained a loyal and faithful Chicago Blackhawks  
13 fan through the bad times and the good.

14 My dad is dedicated. He's dedicated to his family,  
15 he's dedicated to his friends, he's dedicated to his work, and  
16 he's dedicated to this court specifically.

17 I don't feel like I have to mention how dedicated he  
18 is to the Blackhawks; but while I always haven't agreed with  
19 all decisions he's made throughout his life, it's one of those  
20 things that 10 years later, 15 years later, even 20 years  
21 later, you start to realize, hey, that was a pretty solid  
22 decision. And it's something that as I grow older, I  
23 appreciate. So he may be tough at times, but he's always been  
24 fair.

25 And growing up I remember when I would get in

1 trouble, my dad would say this to me. He said, "Son, that  
2 leaves a lot to be desired." He did it in such a calm way  
3 that it just made you feel disappointed in yourself, and it  
4 did work.

5 Well, all I have to say is there's no doubt that my  
6 dad's work ethic, his dedication to not only this court but to  
7 others leaves nothing to be desired. And for these reasons, I  
8 request that this motion be granted.

9 (Applause.)

10 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Your motion is well  
13 taken, it is meritorious, and it is granted.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: We are fortunate on  
16 our court to have several former chief judges, one of whom  
17 sits to my left, former Chief Judge Marv Aspen, who will  
18 administer the oath of office to our new Chief Judge Rubén  
19 Castillo.

20 JUDGE ASPEN: Chief Judge Castillo, Mrs. Castillo is  
21 holding the Bible. Would you raise your right hand, please.

22 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Okay.

23 JUDGE ASPEN: Repeat after me:

24 I, Rubén Castillo, do solemnly swear --

25 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: I, Rubén Castillo, do solemnly

1 swear --

2 JUDGE ASPEN: -- I will support the Constitution of  
3 the United States --

4 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- I will support the  
5 Constitution of the United States --

6 JUDGE ASPEN: -- and perform the duties of Chief  
7 Judge --

8 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- and perform the duties of  
9 Chief Judge --

10 JUDGE ASPEN: -- for the Northern District of  
11 Illinois --

12 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- for the Northern District  
13 of Illinois --

14 JUDGE ASPEN: -- to the best of my ability, so help  
15 me God.

16 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- to the best of my ability,  
17 so help me God.

18 JUDGE ASPEN: Congratulations.

19 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Thank you.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: I understand that  
22 Chief Judge Castillo has a brand new robe, a Chief Judge robe,  
23 that his father will assist him in donning.

24 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1           PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: And let me again  
2 turn to former Chief Judge Marvin Aspen for any comments that  
3 you have.

4           JUDGE ASPEN: Thank you, Jim.

5           Before I begin my brief remarks, I would like to  
6 thank you, Jim, on behalf of everyone in this room for your  
7 dedicated leadership of our court during the past seven years,  
8 a job well done.

9           (Standing ovation.)

10          JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you,  
11 Marv. Thank you all.

12          JUDGE ASPEN: The installation of a new chief judge  
13 is an historic and a special day in several -- for several  
14 aspects. Special for the court, for Judge Castillo and his  
15 family, and for the citizens of the Northern District of  
16 Illinois.

17          It is an historic day for our court because we are  
18 welcoming Rubén Castillo as either the 12th or the 17th Chief  
19 Judge of the Northern District of Illinois. Indeed, one of  
20 the first decisions our new Chief Judge will have to make is  
21 whether he wishes to be number 12 or number 17.

22          (Laughter.)

23          CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: 12 sounds good.

24          JUDGE ASPEN: Let me explain.

25          From 1850, when the Northern District of Illinois was

1 formed by dividing Illinois into two districts, and until  
2 1905, there was only one district judge in the Northern  
3 District of Illinois. It's hard to believe.

4           When the second judgeship was added in 1905 just last  
5 century, Judge Solomon Hicks Bethea became the first senior  
6 judge, and he was the leader of the two-judge court. The  
7 senior judge was designated as the presiding judge of the  
8 court. The title "senior judge" was used until the middle of  
9 the 20th century.

10           There have been five senior judges in the Northern  
11 District of Illinois. My favorite one, living company  
12 excluded, and certainly the most colorful one was Judge  
13 Kenesaw Mountain Landis. Judge Landis's unique name came  
14 about when he was named for the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain  
15 near Marietta, Georgia in the Civil War, where his father had  
16 served as a Union surgeon and had himself lost a leg in the  
17 battle.

18           Interestingly, although the Kennesaw as in Kennesaw  
19 Mountains is spelled with two Ns, for reasons we do not know,  
20 Judge Landis's parents decided to spell his first name with  
21 one N. But that's the least interesting part of Judge Landis.

22           In 1921, in the wake of charges that Chicago White  
23 Sox players had thrown the 1919 World Series -- some might  
24 accuse them of throwing the 2013 season --

25           (Laughter.)

1           JUDGE ASPEN: -- baseball owners began looking for a  
2 tough, law-and-order baseball commissioner. Judge Landis was  
3 known both as an avid baseball fan and a somewhat dour,  
4 no-nonsense jurist, the perfect profile, the owners felt, for  
5 the first commissioner of baseball.

6           Judge Landis took the baseball job but did not  
7 relinquish his judicial one and served at the same time as  
8 both senior district court judge and baseball commissioner and  
9 was paid for both. I know somebody who would like to do the  
10 same thing in the hockey arena.

11           (Laughter.)

12           JUDGE ASPEN: Thus, Judge Landis may have become  
13 Chicago's first double dipper.

14           (Laughter.)

15           JUDGE ASPEN: A year after his appointment, the House  
16 Judiciary Committee voted to investigate Judge Landis's  
17 unprecedented financial arrangement, and the judge decided, in  
18 his good discretion, that he'd resign from the court.

19           So Judge Landis also may have become the first United  
20 States District Court Judge to leave the bench for what he may  
21 have perceived was inadequate judicial pay.

22           (Laughter.)

23           JUDGE ASPEN: In 1948, the title of chief judge was  
24 enacted by statute. Judge John Peter Barnes, then fifth  
25 senior judge, became the first chief judge. So depending on

1 whether or not one includes the early senior judges of our  
2 court as *de facto* chiefs, Judge Castillo is either the 12th or  
3 the 17th Chief Judge.

4 But in any event, Rubén, you may still have an  
5 opportunity to become a senior judge since the title of senior  
6 judge has since been resurrected and is afforded a new and  
7 different meaning these days.

8 The role of Chief Judge has been characterized by the  
9 United States Administrative Office of the Courts as both  
10 presiding judge of the court and as chairman of the board of  
11 the entire District Court and its various units. But the  
12 board Rubén will chair is like the board of no other  
13 organization and offers its unique challenges. The board  
14 members, fellow District Court Judges, no matter how annoying  
15 they may become to Rubén, are lifetime appointees and, unlike  
16 members of other boards, are virtually impossible to replace.

17 (Laughter.)

18 JUDGE ASPEN: And the board's budget is totally  
19 controlled by some would say congressional whim, but I will  
20 say congressional discretion.

21 Today is a very special day for Rubén and his family.  
22 Born and raised in Chicago, educated in the City of Chicago,  
23 Rubén, the first member of his family to graduate from  
24 college, received his BA from Loyola and his law degree from  
25 Northwestern. As a practicing lawyer, he had a rich and

1 diverse experience in the private sector, in government, and  
2 performing pro bono work. Rubén has served as an Assistant  
3 United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois  
4 and as Director and Regional Counsel for the Mexican-American  
5 Legal Defense and Education Fund. He has practiced law at two  
6 of Chicago's premier law firms, Jenner & Block and Kirkland &  
7 Ellis.

8           In 1994, he was appointed by President William  
9 Clinton as this court's first Latino United States District  
10 Court Judge. He has served with distinction as a member and  
11 vice chair of the United States Sentencing Commission and as a  
12 member of the United States Judicial Conference.

13           Rubén has also been active in the legal community,  
14 taking time to teach at Northwestern Law School and becoming  
15 involved in numerous bar association activities. But above  
16 all, the Rubén Castillo I know is a family man, a devoted son,  
17 husband, father and grandfather, and so today is also a great  
18 day for the Rubén Castillo family.

19           Rubén is well aware that what he has accomplished in  
20 life in no small measure is because of the support, sacrifices  
21 and devotion of his family throughout the years, and his wife  
22 Sylvia, his father Rubén, his son Roberto and his wife Sarah,  
23 his daughter Fran and her husband Caleb, granddaughter Agnes  
24 are here with him today for this important occasion, and his  
25 late and beloved mother Carmen is also here in spirit and in

1 Rubén's thoughts on this important day.

2 And, finally, today is a special day for the citizens  
3 of our community, the true beneficiaries of our justice system  
4 because we are welcoming as our new Chief Judge a person who  
5 by education, experience and temperament is uniquely qualified  
6 to serve with distinction as Chief Judge of the United States  
7 District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

8 Becoming Chief Judge is simply an accident of  
9 seniority, but through Rubén's hard work throughout the years,  
10 he has prepared himself and has earned the honor and  
11 responsibility that he is now assuming.

12 I, like so many colleagues, have had the good fortune  
13 of knowing Rubén as a friend and a fellow judge over the  
14 course of three decades, and I cannot be more confident that  
15 the leadership of our court is in good hands.

16 Rubén's calm, non-egocentric demeanor, collegiality,  
17 mature judgment, ability to make tough decisions and be both  
18 decisive and caring as the work may require to work with  
19 diverse constituencies all bode well for his successful  
20 stewardship of the Northern District of Illinois.

21 Congratulations, Chief Judge Castillo. The citizens  
22 of our community will be served well.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Thank you.

25 Thank you, Marv.

1           PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: As I mentioned  
2 earlier, we are honored to have with us the president-elect of  
3 the national Federal Bar Association and, as I mentioned also,  
4 Judge Gelpí has come all the way from Puerto Rico to speak  
5 with us today and speak to his friend, Chief Judge Castillo.

6           Judge Gelpí.

7           JUDGE GELPÍ: Thank you, and good afternoon to  
8 everybody, Chief Judges Holderman and Castillo. I say chief  
9 judges because once a chief, always the chief. That's the  
10 saying we have back home.

11           As president-elect of the Federal Bar Association and  
12 as a colleague of yours, it is my privilege to speak at this  
13 changing-of-the-guard ceremony. Let me briefly commence by  
14 stating the mission of the Federal Bar Association. The same  
15 is to strengthen the federal legal system and administration  
16 of justice by serving the interests and the needs of the  
17 federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal  
18 judiciary and the very public they serve.

19           For example, the Federal Bar Association has  
20 staunchly supported before the Congress and the courts salary  
21 restoration for federal judges and also addressed in multiple  
22 forums the impact of sequestration on the effective  
23 administration of justice.

24           Our association is composed of 16,500 attorneys and  
25 federal judges from across the nation, and I must note that a

1 majority of federal judges are members. Several of the  
2 justices of our Supreme Court are also honorary life fellows  
3 of its foundation.

4 Over the many years, both Chief Judges Holderman and  
5 Castillo, as well as many other judges of this distinguished  
6 court, have unconditionally supported the Federal Bar  
7 Association and its mission, in particular, its Chicago  
8 Chapter, which is one of the best in our national  
9 organization.

10 During his tenure as Chief Judge, Chief Judge  
11 Holderman has given always an annual State of the Court  
12 address to the Chapter's membership and has invited the FBA to  
13 co-host the Court's Annual Pro Bono Awards very recently this  
14 year. He has also attended and spoken at countless Federal  
15 Bar Association events and during our national convention in  
16 2011 here in Chicago, he was the honorary chair.

17 Chief Judge Castillo has also been very active within  
18 the Federal Bar as a member and has served on the Chicago  
19 Chapter board for many years. He's also a regular participant  
20 and speaker at our -- at the Chapter's events. This year in  
21 our annual convention in September, which will take place in  
22 Puerto Rico -- you're all invited -- he will serve as a CLE  
23 panelist in not one but rather two back-to-back sessions, one  
24 on re-entry courts and another on mass tort litigation.

25 Let me now, for those of you who are unfamiliar, I

1 want to summarize briefly what a Chief Judge's role entails.  
2 A little bit has been said, but the chief serves a  
3 congressionally set term of seven years and earlier based on  
4 seniority. He does not receive any additional compensation  
5 nor personal benefits except an additional staff member in his  
6 chambers.

7           To the contrary, the Chief Judge's workload is  
8 doubled or possibly at this period of fiscal uncertainty we  
9 are currently undergoing, possibly tripled and quadrupled, and  
10 Chief Judge Holderman can talk to you about that. The Chief  
11 Judge, while administrator, nonetheless continues to handle a  
12 civil caseload and continues with his pending criminal cases.  
13 That is, he remains foremost a trial judge.

14           He's also charged in this district with supervising  
15 the district's grand juries. At the same time, the Chief  
16 Judge further serves as the Court's principal representative  
17 and spokesperson to the bar, the public and press, federal  
18 agencies, the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, to mention a few.

19           Also District Courts, pursuant to law and local  
20 rules, must conduct numerous other business throughout a  
21 quorum of its district judges; for example, promulgate and  
22 amend local rules, select and reappoint magistrate judges,  
23 maintain a topnotch Criminal Justice Act panel of attorneys,  
24 and vote on a number of important matters and court  
25 governance.

1           In this respect, the Chief Judge must meet with and  
2 listen to all his many colleagues in an effort to reach a  
3 democratic consensus or solution, and I describe this from my  
4 own experience as being a legislator and appeals court judge  
5 simultaneously. It's not easy.

6           In some, being a chief judge is a very challenging  
7 role that comes with the job which one accepts one not to seek  
8 fame and fortune, but to better serve and continue to improve  
9 the judicial system.

10           So Chief Judges Holderman and Castillo, on behalf of  
11 the Federal Bar Association, I commend both of you for your  
12 exemplary service to the courts, the legal community that you  
13 serve and beyond, way beyond.

14           Judge Castillo, our best wishes for the seven-year  
15 trek you now embark in, even more so in a district with a  
16 civil and criminal docket as busy as the Northern District of  
17 Illinois. It will certainly be a daunting task, but please  
18 always count on the Federal Bar Association and its Chicago  
19 Chapter to assist you and the court.

20           Now, as a personal friend of Chief Judge Castillo, it  
21 is now my privilege to make some brief remarks about him.

22           Foremost, it is very nostalgic to be here today  
23 because Judge Castillo was in Puerto Rico almost seven years  
24 ago at my swearing-in ceremony as a district judge. I have  
25 known Chief Judge Castillo for well over a decade. During his

1 tenure as vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, he  
2 came every year to Puerto Rico with staff, some of which is  
3 here, from the Commission to give intense trainings to our  
4 judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and probation officers,  
5 as he did throughout the nation.

6 His professionalism and unique legal knowledge,  
7 passion for the rule of law and sincere dedication to teach  
8 others immediately caught our attention. In Puerto Rico, his  
9 first remark at every lecture, seminar or to anyone he meets  
10 is always the same: That two of the most important women in  
11 his life, his mother and his wife, were born in Puerto Rico.  
12 Thus, you can all readily see why there began a brotherly bond  
13 of friendship between him and the judges of my court. Given  
14 his other many other exemplary qualities as a jurist,  
15 commissioner, law professor and most important as a human  
16 being, over the years our friendship has continued to blossom  
17 professionally and personally.

18 Over the past years, Judge Castillo and I have  
19 crossed paths at several educational seminars for judges and  
20 Sentencing Commission events throughout the nation. Along  
21 with my colleagues, we always make it an item to go dine  
22 together to catch up on work, family and sports, which by now  
23 you all know is one of Judge Castillo's passions off the  
24 bench, and if there happens to be a sports event in town that  
25 evening, odds are you'll find us there.

1           Let us make a parenthesis. We were in San Diego  
2 about two years ago. It was about 50 degrees that night. He  
3 left at the fifth inning because it was very cold, this  
4 50-degree weather. I was there with another probation officer  
5 from Puerto Rico. We couldn't figure it out, but he left  
6 early.

7           Now, Chief Judge Castillo will now certainly face  
8 many new professional challenges, but given the many  
9 challenges he has surpassed throughout all stages of his  
10 professional life, I do not doubt for a second that he will  
11 again rise to this very task.

12           While he was a member of the United States Sentencing  
13 Commission for well over a decade, Judge Castillo at times had  
14 to travel two to three times per month, sometimes more, to our  
15 nation's capital and most of the judicial districts. His  
16 duties as a commissioner, for example, included lecturing and  
17 giving trainings about federal sentencing law, promulgating  
18 sentencing guidelines, holding hearings about sentencing  
19 practices, working alongside members of Congress -- not an  
20 easy task -- and spearheading studies on how to make our  
21 criminal sentencing process more fair.

22           While as a federal judge in this court, he followed  
23 his constitutional duty to apply tough sentencing laws as  
24 enacted by Congress. As a member of the Sentencing  
25 Commission, he was outspoken and criticized mandatory minimum

1 sentences, particularly in cases involving crack cocaine where  
2 the congressional mandate resulted in lengthy incarceration  
3 terms of mostly underprivileged and drug-addicted individuals.  
4 At the same time, he favored toughening our nation's laws for  
5 gun and public corruption crime.

6           On one occasion, I had the privilege and pleasure of  
7 testifying before the Sentencing Commission, which at the time  
8 was sitting in New York holding regional hearings. Certainly,  
9 it was as challenging as my days as a trial and appellate  
10 counsel, particularly due to Commissioner Castillo's sharp  
11 questions and comments. During his many training sessions,  
12 particularly in those given to federal judges, Judge Castillo  
13 was never embarrassed to highlight as an example a 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
14 decision. The name of the case is *U.S. versus Cunningham*. In  
15 that case, the appeals court reversed a sentence he imposed  
16 within the very own guidelines he had promulgated.

17           On remand the judge, Judge Castillo, was ordered to  
18 specify why he had chosen to impose his particular sentence  
19 which he had not adequately done, according to the Court of  
20 Appeals. This is just one example of Judge Castillo's humble  
21 perception that no one, even a judge, is perfect and that we  
22 all make mistakes, even an expert in sentencing law.

23           At the time he dually served our nation as a  
24 Commissioner of the Sentencing Commission and as a trial judge  
25 in this court, Judge Castillo managed to juggle a very heavy

1 criminal and civil docket with intense work as a commissioner,  
2 which not only involved travel as I mentioned, but many other  
3 overtime work hours. At the same time, he managed also to  
4 teach law in the evenings, which is another of his passions,  
5 while meeting his *numero uno*, number one, priority: Attending  
6 to his beloved family which were here.

7           Thus, I can attest that Judge Castillo is more than  
8 well equipped to handle effectively the numerous tasks which  
9 he will now face. I recall that when his tenure at the  
10 Commission expired and knowing well that my district leads the  
11 nation as to the number of cases involving multi-defendants,  
12 he volunteered to come help us. This did not materialize, but  
13 he does have a rain check.

14           I could not continue without mentioning Judge  
15 Castillo's family who is here with us today. Judge Castillo  
16 is the product of an immigrant father from Mexico and a Puerto  
17 Rican-born U.S. citizen mother who moved to Chicago where they  
18 both met. He is thus a proud and patriotic American who holds  
19 dear to his Mexican and Puerto Rican roots and also a very  
20 proud Chicagoan, as I mentioned. That's how you pronounce it.

21           He is the product of the American dream which his  
22 father and mother sought and vicariously reached through his  
23 academic and professional achievements, to include the  
24 milestone of being the first Hispanic judge of this court, as  
25 mentioned earlier, the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and now

1 also first Hispanic Chief Judge within the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit.

2           And this is all what this great nation is all about.  
3 Don Rubén, who is here with us, and Doña Carmen, who is here  
4 with us in spirit, this milestone in your son's career is just  
5 as much yours as his. To Sylvia, Roberto, Francisca, or Fran,  
6 and little Agnes Carmen who had to be removed --

7           (Laughter.)

8           JUDGE GELPÍ: -- I know exactly just how proud you  
9 all are of your husband/dad/abuelo/grandfather.

10           Rubén, on my behalf, I conclude by saying that I'm  
11 proud of our friendship and I'm proud of you. I look forward  
12 to your mentorship when I become chief judge in my district in  
13 a few years. Not looking forward to that, but something we  
14 all have to go through.

15           I publicly do it here, I acknowledge your Blackhawks  
16 Stanley Cup victory over my beloved Bruins, and may your bold  
17 Bears, Cubs and White Sox also have the same fortune in the  
18 near future. That's hard for me to say. As long as they  
19 don't play the Celtics or the Boston teams, we're okay.

20           Your several colleagues from the District of Puerto  
21 Rico, as well as my father, Gustavo, Sr., join me and send our  
22 fondest regards, *un abrazo*.

23           (Applause.)

24           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Thank you.

25           PRESIDING CHIEF JUDGE HOLDERMAN: Thank you, Judge

1 Gelpí.

2           The program that we've all received says concluding  
3 remarks. In reality, what we're asking from Chief Judge  
4 Castillo are his commencing remarks, but we await your  
5 response to the remarks you have heard.

6           Chief Judge Castillo.

7           (Applause.)

8           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Thank you.

9           Well, Chief Judge Holderman and I agree, once a Chief  
10 Judge, always a Chief Judge. Chief Judge Aspen, judges of the  
11 Court of Appeals, all of my federal judges who are seated all  
12 throughout the room, magistrate judges, bankruptcy, my state  
13 court colleagues, where do I start? Well, I can tell you I  
14 can start by saying my cup runneth over.

15           (Applause.)

16           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Okay. Those of you who know  
17 me know that what cup I could be talking about, but I could be  
18 talking about so much more because I have been given a great  
19 deal, a great deal. You've seen just a glimpse of that of  
20 what I see day in, day out. So bear with me because I'm going  
21 to talk about thank yous. I'm going to talk about history.  
22 I'm going to talk about my goals, but not all my goals because  
23 that would occupy too much of the afternoon because ultimately  
24 as a Chicagoan, of course, I believe in the motto of Daniel  
25 Burnham: Make no small plans. So I'm not going to talk about

1 all my goals, but then I'm going to ask for your help on an  
2 important issue, an important challenge to the city and to our  
3 federal court here.

4 So let me start out by thank yous, and I've been  
5 reflecting on this a great deal.

6 I will get to Jim, but before I get to Jim, I'm going  
7 to start with Paula. I want to thank you, on behalf of our  
8 court, for Jim's seven-year service. All the support that you  
9 gave him, it has been tremendous, and we really appreciate  
10 that. And we're going to call upon you, we're going to give  
11 you Jim back to be the first spouse, as you continue your  
12 well-deserved presidency of the Illinois State Bar  
13 Association. So please join me in a round of applause for  
14 Paula Holderman.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Jim, I can't say enough about  
17 the transition, your seven years as chief. You know how we  
18 all feel about you. Jim has accomplished a whole lot. I'm  
19 not going to run through it here. He has talked about just a  
20 glimpse of it, but he took our court to the 21st century, with  
21 a lot of help because he has a great team, and I've seen what  
22 that team looks like and it is a great team.

23 Electronic filing: Jim Holderman. The whole  
24 technology, as judges now have iPhones and iPads: Jim  
25 Holderman. I found myself the other day in the Philadelphia

1 airport on one and the other and I thought to myself, oh, my  
2 God, what has happened to you? What has happened to you? But  
3 that is the Jim Holderman that I know.

4           And when I think about Jim and all he accomplished,  
5 the Rockford courthouse, which I really encourage all of you  
6 to go out and see. It is really, with a lot of help again, as  
7 Judge Kapala reminded us and Judge Reinhard and Tom Bruton and  
8 a whole bunch of other people, but this was accomplished all  
9 on your tenure. And I could go on and on. The 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
10 Jury Project, the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Electronic Project, our Court's  
11 Re-Entry Program, which hopefully I'll talk about just in a  
12 second. The accomplishments are many, but what stand out more  
13 than anything to me, Jim, is two words: Your heart and your  
14 energy, and if I can duplicate that in any sense, I would be  
15 thrilled.

16           So join me in a round of applause for Chief Judge  
17 Holderman.

18           (Applause.)

19           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: So I've tried to see how I  
20 could exceed Jim Holderman right off the bat, and I found this  
21 clever way. Of course, all I was doing was following his lead  
22 because I looked at what he did seven years ago.

23           The first thing he did seven years ago was declare  
24 the 4th of July a holiday. So this year, again following his  
25 lead, we declared the 4th and the 5th a holiday.

1 (Laughter and applause.)

2 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: So this might be the only time  
3 I can say this: I've already gotten off to a pretty good  
4 start, huh?

5 So how does it feel? How does it feel to be the  
6 Chief Judge? I get that question all the time. This is the  
7 third largest court in the country. 22 active judges, 13 very  
8 capable, very good senior judges with 10,000 civil cases a  
9 year, 900 -- and maybe it's going to increase if certain  
10 people have their way -- criminal cases a year. We're  
11 servicing 10 million people in this district. It extends all  
12 the way to the Wisconsin border, all the way to the Indiana  
13 border. We're covering 10,000 square miles. This is a large  
14 district.

15 So what do you do when, all of a sudden, there is  
16 this succession and you wake up, you go to sleep one day and  
17 you wake up the next day and you are the Chief Judge of the  
18 Northern District of Illinois? Because that's basically what  
19 happened. I went to sleep on June 30th and I woke up, it's  
20 July 1st. What happens?

21 Well, like all of you, believe it or not, judges do  
22 this, too, I first checked my iPhone. First thing I did. And  
23 there was an e-mail, very gracious, from Jim Holderman, Paula  
24 Hudson Holderman, wishing me the best, telling me that they  
25 felt that I could do this. That was a good start.

1           Second thing, I knew that my granddaughter, who has  
2 stolen the show and has now left, you know, she made her guest  
3 appearance and left, Agnes Carmen was coming, so I had to put  
4 up a baby swing in the back yard, and I took care of that.

5           Third thing, I read my horoscope.

6           Okay. This is what it says. I'm a Leo. This is  
7 what it says: "Orders come from on high."

8           (Laughter.)

9           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: "New evidence threatens old  
10 assumptions."

11           I'm getting to the key part, third sentence: "In a  
12 confrontation or conflict of interest, angels guide your  
13 actions."

14           And I thought to myself, boy, I hope so. I hope so.

15           (Laughter.)

16           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: I hope so. I hope the angels  
17 are going to guide my actions because I will need it because,  
18 first of all, let me acknowledge as Jim and Marv and I get to  
19 say that because I guess I've joined the Chief Judge Club,  
20 they're the first ones to acknowledge, I've not won an  
21 election. I'm not appointed by anyone. This is just a  
22 statutory succession. There are many capable faces on that  
23 bench behind me who could lead this court, judges that I have  
24 great respect for, and there are many, many capable faces  
25 whose pictures are depicted here who could have been the chief

1 of our court and would have been great chief judges.

2 In fact, if we were trying to have an election of who  
3 was going to be the chief judge -- now putting on my Catholic  
4 boy hat for a second -- you'd be waiting a long time to see  
5 the white smoke coming out of this building.

6 (Laughter.)

7 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: So I became the Chief Judge.  
8 And then I spent last week trying a case in the Chief Judge's  
9 courtroom. What an experience. I would say it's surreal,  
10 hard to get used to, because you have all these pictures of  
11 chief judges right behind you, you know, and I just kept  
12 listening to the case and looking up at the pictures.

13 And then I started thinking about them, and I'm just  
14 going to start with the ones I'm familiar with. Let me  
15 acknowledge, first of all, that this courtroom is named after  
16 former Chief Judge Jim Parson, the first minority Chief Judge,  
17 African-American Chief Judge, way ahead of his time, way ahead  
18 of everybody else, who took that position, difficult  
19 situation, walked across the street, and I won't name what  
20 club, but you can read about it in this great book, *The Court*  
21 *That Shaped America* that Judge Aspen had done on our court,  
22 which I will tell you right now one minor goal is to try and  
23 update that book because I think it needs to be updated just  
24 with the number of judges that Judge Holderman mentioned have  
25 been appointed to this Court in the last seven years, but he

1 walked across the street to a private club and was denied  
2 admission. Denied admission. And what did this court do?  
3 They all left that club. They all left that club in a sign of  
4 unity.

5           But that's the kind of court that we have, and I  
6 could go on down the list. Judge Grady followed by Judge  
7 Moran followed by Judge Kocoras -- and then Aspen, and I'm  
8 getting the order mixed up because I'm a little nervous,  
9 believe it or not -- Holderman. You know, as I saw these  
10 pictures staring down at me, and I thought, what is the common  
11 denominator? What is the common denominator? I started  
12 thinking about that. And I thought every single one of these  
13 chief judges loved this court, they grew up in this court,  
14 they tried cases in this court, and they would do anything for  
15 this court. Every single one of them.

16           And the other thing, which is why I start by  
17 acknowledging Paula, is every single one of them had a spouse  
18 that helped them. I mean whether or not we talk about Pat  
19 Grady or we talk about Sue Aspen, who I had the great  
20 privilege of really getting to know a little bit better, every  
21 one of them. And notice I'm not saying wives. I'm saying  
22 spouses because soon the time will come when the leadership of  
23 the court is going to change, and the first spouse who's going  
24 to support our new Chief Judge on the Court of Appeals, Judge  
25 Wood, and she will need that support, and I pledge Judge Wood

1 that I will give you all the support our District Court can  
2 give you, but that is a common denominator.

3           And then I look at my own career. And, you know, the  
4 phrase is used if you could write your own ticket. You've  
5 heard that phrase. If you could write your own ticket, and I  
6 look at my legal career and the privilege that I've had, and  
7 what if you could write your own ticket? What if you could  
8 say to a young lawyer starting out in Chicago you can start  
9 your career practicing law with people like Albert Jenner,  
10 Jerry Solovy, Jeff Colman, Tom Sullivan, Tom Mandler and then  
11 you can go and practice law with Dan Webb and Anton Valukas,  
12 and I'm going to miss out on people, but all my trial partners  
13 in the U.S. Attorney's Office, and then you could go practice  
14 law with Ray Romero and Arturo Jauregui and the great  
15 attorneys at MALDEF, and then you could book end that by  
16 practicing with Frank Cicero and the attorneys at Kirkland &  
17 Ellis. That is what you call writing your own ticket. And  
18 for that, I am very, very grateful that I had that legal  
19 career.

20           And segueing now just a little bit, I started  
21 reflecting on that and I said, well, when you become the Chief  
22 Judge, isn't this kind of a break from all those guys that  
23 controlled the federal courts, and you know who I'm talking  
24 about, I'm talking about Judge Flaum, Judge Bauer, Judge  
25 Holderman, and you know what? The answer is, Bill, the answer

1 is absolutely not. It is not a break at all because you, Bill  
2 Bauer, Judge Bauer put such a change in the federal court when  
3 you came over here that you excited all the young attorneys.  
4 You wanted them to join that change, and I was one of those  
5 people, growing up on the West Side, who got excited and said  
6 I want some of that. I want to be an Assistant United States  
7 Attorney because you were changing the world. You were  
8 changing the world.

9           And I'm honored that Dan Webb hired me and I always  
10 tease Tony about this because Tony at that time, as you  
11 remember, he was at Jenner & Block, so I was hired as an  
12 assistant, and when Tony Valukas came over to be the U.S.  
13 Attorney I went up to him and I said I paved the way for you.

14           (Laughter.)

15           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: He never bought that. And if  
16 you know Tony Valukas, there's no way he's ever going to buy  
17 that.

18           So let me just spend a couple minutes as a District  
19 Court Judge and tell you how that started. So in 1994, I was  
20 appointed, and I'm not going to take you the next 19 years,  
21 but I just want to take you -- so don't worry, daughter.

22           (Laughter.)

23           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: She's telling me to try and be  
24 short. This is how my District Court career started. I was  
25 sworn in, and we were having a 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit conference. It was

1 up in Milwaukee, unforgettable moment. I'm over there three  
2 days after being sworn in, and I'm just sitting there hoping  
3 that nobody's really going to pay attention to me. I was the  
4 spanking new District Court Judge, and this man came up to me  
5 and he said, "Kiddo" -- Kiddo, never forget this -- "Kiddo,  
6 what kind of judge are you going to be? What's your judicial  
7 philosophy?"

8           And I kind of looked at him, and the next two words,  
9 I don't know why I said this to this day. I don't know why I  
10 said this to this day, but it started a friendship that lasted  
11 the rest of that man's life, and my answer was: "I believe in  
12 active case management." And that was Hubert Will. And I  
13 will be the first one to confess I didn't know anything about  
14 Hubert Will. And he, and this was his reply, and I think  
15 Judge Shadur will get a kick out of this in particular, he  
16 just smiled and he says, "Kiddo, I've been practicing active  
17 case management longer than you've been alive."

18           (Laughter.)

19           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: That was it. That was it.  
20 And after that, I became Hugh Will's adopted judicial son, and  
21 that was a very coveted position. People ask me over and over  
22 again, how is it that you manage your caseload? Well, I had  
23 the best training of all time. It was like being taught  
24 hitting from Ted Williams. It's just unbelievable.

25           So it was a great start and I acknowledge that, and

1 all of the judges of this court have accepted me, welcomed me  
2 from 1994 all the way down as we've gone through different  
3 transitions on our court, different welcomes, and so I  
4 acknowledge that.

5 I will continue on my round of thank yous. And  
6 you've seen my wife. I want to acknowledge her as she's taken  
7 me through all these challenges, all these changes. I would  
8 really appreciate it if you would join me in a round of  
9 applause for my wife, Sylvia.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: I like to tell juries when I'm  
12 picking them that my wife is a therapist and that I'm her  
13 number one pro bono client. I emphasize pro bono.

14 (Laughter.)

15 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: But, you know, what can I say.  
16 I don't have enough time to acknowledge the debt. I said  
17 19 years ago when I was sworn to this court that the most  
18 loyal thing that you can have, the thing you value when you  
19 grow up in these trial courts is a trial partner, and I want  
20 to acknowledge all the trial partners I've had over the years.  
21 They've seen me, the good, the bad, the ugly, but Sylvia has  
22 been my life's trial partner. I said that 19 years ago.

23 And you know what a trial partner does for you.  
24 They make the objections that you don't see. They tell you  
25 when you're not doing so good, even though you think you're

1 doing good. They just help you. They just help you. They  
2 work hand-in-hand. That's what Sylvia's meant to me. So  
3 anything that I accomplish, I want you to know it's because of  
4 Sylvia.

5           Now, Sylvia gave me two things that are so precious,  
6 my daughter, Francisca, who, because she came here with my  
7 granddaughter, I've given her a break from saying anything.  
8 But, you know, she spoke at my mother's funeral, and that was  
9 a tough duty. And I appreciate everything that you do. I'm  
10 very proud of you.

11           My son Roberto, you've seen him already in action.  
12 He's now going to leave the Northern District of Illinois with  
13 a perfect record, and we will miss you. You know, like many  
14 judges of this court, I read Gerald Gunther's biography of  
15 Learned Hand when I joined the court, and what caught my eye  
16 more than anything as fascinating as Learned Hand gets out  
17 there in the general public, because at that time judges were  
18 out there making very public speeches, and he goes out there  
19 in the public square and he says you know, don't judge me.  
20 Don't judge me by what I've accomplished. Judge me by what my  
21 children accomplish. And I thought, wow, that's quite a  
22 standard. That's quite a standard.

23           Well, knowing my two children, Francisca and Roberto,  
24 I'm comfortable with that standard. Both of them are trying  
25 to change the world, Fran as a charter school teacher in urban

1 New York, even though I'm trying to pull her back; Roberto, a  
2 son who argued with me many times very, very well over the  
3 need for education in general who then goes out and exceeds  
4 his father by not only getting a BA from Knox, getting a  
5 Master's degree from Tufts in animal policy, and then getting  
6 a law degree, I told him, wow, and now wanting to start a  
7 practice in animal rights and criminal defense. That will be  
8 quite a challenge, but I think he's up to it and I think you  
9 agree with me.

10           Moving on, this family just gets better and better.  
11 My sister-in-law, who always has helped, Lydia, helped me  
12 raise these two children. As Judge Holderman referred to how  
13 big the Castillo family is, it is big, and we have an  
14 extension all the way out to Puerto Rico and to Mexico, which  
15 I'm very proud of. My aunt, who flew in and I do consider her  
16 my aunt, Maria Antonia. I appreciate you coming from Puerto  
17 Rico. Yvette Cosme, her daughter Francesca. It's just been a  
18 blessing.

19           Lydia's daughter, Yolanda, who her and I have helped  
20 each other every which way. Her husband Bob. It's just been  
21 great.

22           So let me mention my parents. So I'm going to start  
23 with my mom, and I'll try not to get choked up about this, but  
24 I'll tell you this: Today is her birthday. She would have  
25 been 88. So think about that. And all I can tell you is

1 you're going to hear about what I love. I already told you I  
2 love this court. You've heard that I love a certain ice  
3 sport, and I acknowledge that. I'm going to make admissions  
4 here today.

5           But I'm going to make another admission. I've  
6 reflected that the first woman any male falls in love with is  
7 their mother, and my mother just put a beam of attention and  
8 love into me, and I'm very thankful for that, very thankful.  
9 It wasn't enough time with my mom, and I lost her when I was  
10 50 years old, and I had her for 50 years. And I know there's  
11 a lot of people in this room that don't have their mother for  
12 a full 50 years, so that meant a lot to me.

13           Then I start thinking about my dad, and I started  
14 thinking about him in those terms because when my dad was a  
15 young man, he left his mother. And I got to meet her, and  
16 that grandmother loved me, too, I will tell you that right  
17 now. But he left his mother. And I thought, my God, you're  
18 complaining? I had this discussion with myself. You're  
19 complaining about not having your mother after 50 years, and  
20 your dad had to make the difficult choice because of family  
21 circumstances to leave his own mother and come to a country  
22 where he didn't know the language, was hoping for the best,  
23 and let me tell you, he was recruited after World War II, one  
24 of the many people recruited after World War II when this  
25 country needed labor, was told a great story, and Mr. Art

1 Clauter here, who is here, the grandfather of my dear  
2 daughter-in-law, I don't want to forget you, Sarah Lull, and  
3 Art Clauter will appreciate this story because after World War  
4 II, and Art Clauter served in the military during World War II  
5 after graduating from the University of Chicago with his wife.  
6 Just understand. Our family is as diverse, they come from  
7 Swedish-German background. And then I didn't mention --  
8 sorry, daughter, who I miss a great deal, your husband who's  
9 not here because he's working in New York, Caleb DeJong and  
10 Caleb's parents, another extension of the Castillo family as  
11 we now extend it into Dutch family. So watch out, that's all  
12 I will tell you, because the Hispanic communities will have a  
13 way to expand in areas beyond your belief, that's what I will  
14 tell you.

15 (Laughter.)

16 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: But what I want to say in  
17 terms of my dad is he made a difficult decision. I realize  
18 more than ever I am the beneficiary of that decision. Today,  
19 2013, it looks like it was a great decision. But back in  
20 1945, when all of a sudden he comes to Colorado, and things  
21 aren't as good as they sold it to be in Mexico. It was a  
22 tough, tough decision.

23 But he was fortunate. He was fortunate because he  
24 came to this city, the city of the big shoulders, and he met  
25 my mother, a dynamic puertorricana, and the rest is history,

1 as they say. That's all I'll say.

2 And if you want to know how my dad feels about  
3 education, having had no formal education, I've got to just  
4 tell you one story. Some of you have heard this story, but I  
5 want to share it in a wider audience because it deserves to be  
6 told.

7 My dad and I would spend time usually him taking me  
8 to O'Hare Airport so that I could go to the Sentencing  
9 Commission. True story. I'm there. I've been on this court  
10 for quite a while. I'm a District Court Judge. I'm vice  
11 chair of the Sentencing Commission, and I've got briefing  
12 books to prove it. I'm trying to read the briefing books, but  
13 my dad is trying to have a conversation with me. And he  
14 starts out in Spanish, like he always does, "Mihijo." That  
15 means dear son. And when that gets pulled out, you know  
16 something is coming.

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: You know something is coming.  
19 Sylvia had just gotten her doctorate in psychology, and I lost  
20 track of that. You know, it's not that it wasn't significant,  
21 but I didn't know it had any connection with the conversation  
22 that was coming. I was very proud of that day. In fact,  
23 people have asked me how do you feel about it? I said  
24 proudest judicial day. And, honey, to this day, it is the  
25 proudest day when Tipper Gore gave you that diploma.

1           But my dad, he saw it a different way. He says,  
2 "Mihijo, I've been thinking. Maybe you should go back to  
3 school" --

4           (Laughter.)

5           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- "and get a doctorate." And  
6 I felt like throwing myself out of that car.

7           (Laughter.)

8           CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: But, you know, like any other  
9 immigrant family, we're raised to respect our parents, and so  
10 all I could stammer was, "But, Dad, a juris doctor is a  
11 doctorate degree."

12          (Laughter.)

13          CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: And he didn't buy it.

14          (Laughter.)

15          CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: He's still not buying it. He  
16 asks me legal questions all the time, and when I give him  
17 answers, his normal response is, "Are you sure that's the  
18 law?"

19          (Laughter.)

20          CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: I don't think that's going to  
21 get any better as Chief Judge. That's just the way it is, you  
22 know. So I acknowledge a debt that's owed to my family, to my  
23 extended family, to the legal community for my legal  
24 profession.

25          To my chambers family. What can I tell you about my

1 chambers family. I've been blessed. I've had the same I  
2 won't say deputy clerk because that wouldn't suffice to  
3 describe Ruth O'Shea, the same case management assistant is  
4 how I would describe her. She can manage cases, that's  
5 another great secret. 19 plus years. Never changed. Never  
6 changed. If I had my way, never will.

7 I've had the same stenographer, Kathy Fennell, who's  
8 sitting right there, and she and I just chuckle as we've seen  
9 things in court going back and forth, when we try not to  
10 laugh, like we tried not to laugh when I was doing jury voir  
11 dire in a drug case, and I said, "Is there any reason you  
12 can't be fair?" And some young man raised his hand and says,  
13 "I'm very active in cannabis sativa research."

14 (Laughter.)

15 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Okay. We try to keep a  
16 straight face, but what can I tell you. I've been blessed.  
17 I've had two secretaries in 19 years, and I finally  
18 lost them both to retirement and illness. Arlene Beilfuss  
19 couldn't be here. Peggy Totty who you all know, I'm sure.  
20 I've been blessed.

21 The extended court family. First of all, let me tell  
22 you, the staff that I have inherited from Judge Holderman,  
23 Gabriela Kennedy, Larry Collins, and I could keep going, but I  
24 can't mention every single one. Outstanding.

25 Probation department, outstanding. Pretrial

1 Services, outstanding. Marshals, outstanding. Court  
2 security, outstanding. Even maintenance, outstanding. Jim,  
3 you've left me with a good team, but most of all, you've left  
4 me with a solid court.

5           You mentioned, first of all, our magistrate judges  
6 bench, the best in the country. Best in the country.  
7 Couldn't live without you. Couldn't live without you. We  
8 know that. We want to acknowledge that.

9           District court bench, it is a privilege, it is a  
10 privilege to in any way serve as your spokesman. I won't  
11 say lead because right now, the biggest admission that I can  
12 make, and you all know from having cases, is the judicial  
13 admission, and this admission has been made by chief judges in  
14 the past, so I make it right now to all the judges on the  
15 Court of Appeals, on the District Court, magistrate bench,  
16 Bankruptcy Court, you are not beholden to me, I am beholden to  
17 you. And that is my judicial admission because we need to  
18 work together. This is one enterprise as we're trying to deal  
19 with the crisis that we're in, and this is where we're going  
20 to need your help.

21           1963, Martin Luther King gave a speech in Alabama.  
22 This is how it goes, and I'll guarantee you, you know the  
23 beginning line. You might not know the second line. He said,  
24 and I love to quote this: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to  
25 justice everywhere," and I have memorized that line as best I

1 can.

2           What I haven't memorized as much, but during my days  
3 in D.C. I do a lot of things. I do a lot of walking, and I  
4 went to the King Memorial and when you see little glimpses of  
5 his speech, they are just incredible. The next line says:  
6 "We are caught in an inescapable, inescapable network of  
7 mutuality in a single garment of destiny." Inescapable  
8 network, inescapable network of mutuality, that's what we're  
9 caught in right now, because this court cannot function  
10 without the general bar, without each other, without the  
11 entire legal community. And right now, we're caught in a  
12 financial storm. That is the reality.

13           And so what I want to do more than anything else is  
14 the same thing that Jim did, which is steer our court's ship  
15 through this financial storm. He accomplished it without one  
16 person being furloughed, without tremendous cuts, but we're  
17 operating as efficiently as we can.

18           I would welcome any outside consultant from any top  
19 agency to come in and say that we are not running in a  
20 fiscally tight way. We are doing the best we can with an  
21 expanding caseload, and we're trying to service our district's  
22 population with a lot of people making sacrifices, and yet all  
23 I get are missives from Washington, D.C. telling me that  
24 financial cuts will be coming our way.

25           And I think one of the problems we're missing is

1 having a constructive dialogue about this because I started  
2 running the numbers, and the numbers show that we operate in  
3 the black. We bring money into the public treasury.

4           Now, I told you last week, I was on trial. Jury  
5 trial, civil rights case. I was trying to resolve a dispute,  
6 and the jury resolved the dispute for the parties. But while  
7 I was doing that, I did something that my colleagues do all  
8 the time, and it got zero, zero publicity. I entered an order  
9 in a criminal case turning over \$3.8 million to the United  
10 States Treasury. To be more exact, it went to the United  
11 States Marshals Asset Recovery Unit, but I still consider that  
12 the United States Treasury.

13           Now, that \$3.8 million, that represents one-fourth,  
14 one-fourth in one day of our operating budget here on the  
15 court, and I went back and totalled up how many of these  
16 orders my fellow colleagues have entered, and it way exceeds,  
17 way exceeds our operating costs. That's just one thing, and I  
18 won't rest my case there.

19           Secondly, we're resolving 10,000 civil cases, giving  
20 people their fair day in court in a fair and efficient way.  
21 We're the third largest court. We're near the top in terms of  
22 case efficiency from filing to disposition. All of my  
23 colleagues on this court, even Judge Shadur who just turned 89  
24 who has an active full caseload, is working as hard as they  
25 can. I come here on the weekends, and he is there working on

1 his cases because that is the pride that this court has.

2 But we're trying to do this work, and we're being  
3 told that we're going to have one hand handcuffed behind our  
4 back, and I'm being told as the new Chief Judge, well, what  
5 limb do you want to have amputated? I don't want any limbs  
6 amputated. I want this court to remain fiscally sound. I  
7 will not preside over the dismantling of this court that I  
8 love, and so what I'm calling for is a constructive dialogue.  
9 With your help, we need to have a general conversation about  
10 what can be done.

11 First of all, should the courts be included in  
12 sequestration to begin with. Justice Roberts has talked about  
13 that. We're only less than 1 percent, the whole court system,  
14 of our nation's budget. Should we really be included when  
15 what we're doing is enforcing the Constitution. We're giving  
16 the Constitution life.

17 Today happens to be the 49th anniversary of the Civil  
18 Rights Act when President Johnson sat down after we lost a  
19 president and actually signed the Civil Rights Act. It was  
20 this court that gave life to that document, this court that  
21 helped to segregate the public schools, the public housing in  
22 Chicago, that has given the lifeblood, it is the court that  
23 has shaped not only Chicago but the United States. This court  
24 should not be dismantled.

25 I will tell you, aside from those things how can we

1 preside over our criminal cases? Let me mention another  
2 anniversary. This is the 50th anniversary of *Gideon versus*  
3 *Wainwright* that established the right to counsel. I will not  
4 allow our Federal Defender's Office and our panel program to  
5 be dismantled in any way. How can we process cases fairly and  
6 efficiently in the criminal arena, and I don't need to take  
7 you chapter and verse, over the criminal cases that we have  
8 done willingly, with great sacrifice, with great sacrifice to  
9 our personal security.

10           Drug cartels? We've done them. Street gangs? We've  
11 done them. Terrorist case? We've done them. Public  
12 corruption? We've done them. This court processes cases  
13 fairly and efficiently. We need your help to make that case,  
14 and so I will be making that case over and over again. I will  
15 need your help. I will need the ISBA's help. I will call on  
16 Judge Gelpí and the Federal Bar. I will call on the Chicago  
17 Chapter of the Federal Bar. I'll call on every single bar  
18 association. I cannot list them all for you now, but that is  
19 going to be part of our mission.

20           Secondly, as part of doing that, our court needs to  
21 do more in the public. We will outreach. We have a talented  
22 group of judges here assembled in the magistrate judge,  
23 Bankruptcy Court, District Court. These are all marvelous  
24 people. People need to know more about them. What they do.  
25 The orders they're entering, day in, day out.

1 I'm going to call on my colleagues, and I will try  
2 and lead the way, to go out there and tell the public more  
3 about what we're doing day in, day out. We cannot have the  
4 federal courts shut down.

5 You know, if someone were to go into the mayor's  
6 fifth floor office right now and say the three biggest, three  
7 biggest corporations in Chicago are leaving or going through  
8 massive furloughs, I think action would be taken. And so I  
9 call on the mayor and other leaders of this city don't allow  
10 this important center of commerce, center of commerce, to in  
11 any way be hurt financially. It is unfair. It is not right.  
12 We are in, as Judge -- as Martin Luther King said, the  
13 inescapable network of mutuality.

14 Large corporations, law firms, your very future is  
15 dependent on how well we do. We want to do well for you. We  
16 want to process these cases. We want to make it attractive.  
17 One of the things Judge Holderman did was create a patent law  
18 program, and we've seen those filings go up, but what if we  
19 told you we can't get to the patent cases until we're through  
20 with the criminal cases, and the criminal attorneys all come  
21 in and say, well, we can't go to trial either because we don't  
22 have counsel. That is unfair. Unfair. So I will call on  
23 your help.

24 And, finally, I will do my part. I've been to  
25 Washington, D.C. more times than I would care to remember, but

1 I will get back on that plane. And I don't think the problem  
2 is with our two senators. I'm not saying that. Don't get me  
3 wrong. Senator Kirk, Senator Durbin have been very helpful,  
4 but I think we need to make our case across the aisle in a  
5 bipartisan way to more senators and more of the delegations  
6 other than this great state, so I'm going to call on your help  
7 with regard to that.

8           Finally, let me just say I understand the historic  
9 nature of this appointment, and I accept it. If being the  
10 first Latino Chief Judge changes one life on the West Side,  
11 South Side, any side of New York, then it's worth all the  
12 sacrifice to get to that point, and I'm hopeful it will change  
13 more than one life.

14           This year, in debating the immigration bills, history  
15 was made on the Senate floor when Senator Keane from Virginia  
16 and Senator Marco Rubio from Florida spoke in Spanish for the  
17 first time on the U.S. Senate floor. So I'm going to exercise  
18 my privilege here and send this message: *Por lo que estaba*  
19 *usted escuchando en español un mensaje a la comunidad latina*  
20 *de este distrito: Si ustedes tienen un poco de orgullo hoy,*  
21 *les voy a desir que yo tengo orgullo, cariño, y amor para*  
22 *ustedes*, and I want you to know that.

23           So what I said to my community is if you have a  
24 little pride today --

25           (Applause.)

1 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: -- if you have a little pride  
2 today, I have great pride and love for you, and I just want  
3 you to know that.

4 So I'll end today telling you I'm going to go over to  
5 the Chief Judge's chambers, but I want you to know that every  
6 single day that I will go there, and I will quote now from one  
7 of my favorite groups, and I don't think any chief judge has  
8 ever quoted U2, when I go there, I will go with you. That's  
9 all I can do.

10 Thank you.

11 (Standing ovation.)

12 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Is there any other further  
13 business, Mr. Clerk?

14 THE CLERK: There is not, your Honor.

15 CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO: Then Mr. Marshal, you can  
16 adjourn the court.

17 THE MARSHAL: All rise.

18 Special Ceremonial Session of the court is adjourned.

19 (Which were all the proceedings heard.)

20 CERTIFICATE

21 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from  
22 the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

23 */s/Kathleen M. Fennell*

*July 9, 2013*

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