

## United States District Court

Northern District of Illinois

### Judge Ruben Castillo

#### **APPOINTMENT TO THE BENCH**

Nominated to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by President William J. Clinton in January 1994

Confirmed by the Senate and received Commission on May 9, 1994, becoming the first Latino Federal Judge in the Northern District of Illinois

#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

- Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, effective July 1, 2013
- Elected by fellow Judges of the Seventh Circuit to the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts 2012 - present
- Vice Chair, United States Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C., 1999 - 2010
- Adjunct Professor, Northwestern University School of Law, Clinical Trial Advocacy, 1989 - present
- Partner, Kirkland & Ellis, 1991 - May 1994
- Director and Regional Counsel of Chicago Office, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund ("MALDEF"), 1988 - 1991
- Assistant United States Attorney 1984 - 1988
- Associate Attorney, Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois, 1979 - 1984

#### **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

Illinois Supreme Court, 1979

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1979

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1984

## **EDUCATION**

Northwestern University School of Law  
Chicago, Illinois  
Juris Doctor, 1979

Loyola University  
Chicago, Illinois  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1976

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Judge Castillo was born in Chicago in 1954. He and his wife, Sylvia Mojica-Castillo, are lifetime residents of the City of Chicago.