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Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim Reappointed to Eight-Year Term

Chicago, Ill. – Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall announced that the Court has appointed Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim to a new eight-year term of service as Magistrate Judge. Judge Kim’s new term expires on May 6, 2034.

“The reappointment of Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim ensures that our magistrate judge bench remains one of the best in the country. Judge Kim has dedicated himself to serving this district since May 2010, and the Court is thankful for his continued service to the citizens of the Northern District of Illinois,” said Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall.

In September 2025, Chief Judge Kendall directed a Magistrate Judge Advisory Panel to review the service of Judge Kim and to issue a report to the Court’s district judges recommending whether to reappoint him. After interviewing the district judges and reviewing submitted public comments, survey responses by members of the bar, and statistical data regarding caseload for Judge Kim, the panel unanimously recommended his reappointment. Ms. Eileen M. Letts served as chair of the panel and other members included:

- Mr. Theodore T. Chung
- Mr. Ronald L. DeWald Jr.
- Hon. Grace G. Dickier (Ret.)
- Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo
- Ms. Verneé Green
- Ms. Nathalina Hudson
- Ms. Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis
- Ms. Amanda Gabriela Penabad
- Mr. Nigel F. Telman
- Ms. Kali Thomas
- Mr. Jeffrey S. Torosian
- Hon. Debra B. Walker
- Hon. Edward Washington, II (Ret.)
- Mr. Sheldon T. Zenner

“The Court is indebted to this volunteer panel of attorneys and non-lawyer community members for performing this valuable service for our community,” said Chief Judge Kendall.

Magistrate judges perform a variety of duties for the court, including conducting preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases and the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants. They conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings upon referral from a district judge of the court and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

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