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### **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE ARLANDER KEYS WILL LEAVE THE BENCH ON MAY 30, 2014**

**Chicago-** Today, Chief United States District Judge Ruben Castillo announced that United States Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys will leave the bench on May 30, 2014. Magistrate Judge Keys was first appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois on February 21, 1995.

Magistrate Judge Keys had been recalled to work for the Northern District of Illinois since his retirement on October 31, 2009, after 14 years of service to the Court. During his appointment, Magistrate Judge Keys served as the Presiding Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois from October 22, 1998 to January 25, 2004.

Chief Judge Castillo stated, "U.S. Magistrate Judge Keys has dedicated his entire career to service to the citizens of the United States. I am honored to have worked with Magistrate Judge Keys" Chief Judge Castillo continued, "Magistrate Judge Keys will be extremely missed by his colleagues and those who came before him in the courtroom. The magistrate judge bench of the Northern District of Illinois is the finest in the Country; however, Magistrate Judge Keys' departure is a significant loss."

Magistrate Judge Keys received his Bachelor's and Law Degree from DePaul University. Judge Keys is a United States Marine Corps veteran, having served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Prior to joining the magistrate judge bench, he served as the Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Department of Health and Human Services.

United States Magistrate Judges perform a variety of duties for the Court, including conducting most preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on reference from a district judge of the Court, and the trial and disposition of federal civil and federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants.

With its twenty-two authorized district judgeships, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is the third largest district court in the nation. The Court's current caseload includes more than 12,000 new civil cases filed and more than 900 new felony criminal defendants annually.

The Northern District of Illinois stretches across 18 counties from the southernmost point in La Salle County to the westernmost point in Jo Davies County at the Iowa border, an area of nearly 10,100 square miles, with a total population of nearly 9.3 million persons. These counties are divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Northern District of Illinois with courthouses in Chicago and Rockford.

More information about the Northern District of Illinois is available at its website: [www.ilnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov)

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