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**U.S. Magistrate M. David Weisman selected as Chief Magistrate Judge as Judge Young B. Kim steps down from Chief role**

*Chicago, Ill.* - Today Chief Virginia M. Kendall announced that U.S. Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman has been appointed as Chief Magistrate Judge. Judge Weisman assumed his new duties as Chief Magistrate Judge, effective January 1, 2025, when outgoing Chief Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim completed his term in that position.

"Congratulations to Magistrate Judge Weisman on his appointment as Chief Magistrate Judge. Judge Weisman's experience on the bench along with his career as a seasoned civil and criminal litigator will serve our district well," said Judge Kendall.

"On behalf of the Court, thank you to Judge Kim for his leadership and outstanding service to our district as Chief Magistrate Judge," said Judge Kendall.

Judge Weisman earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. After law school, he joined the FBI as a special agent from 1989 to 1993. From 1993 until 1996, he joined Glasser & Glasser in Virginia where he worked on asbestos related class action matters. From 1996 until 2001, he joined the City of Chicago Law Department where he worked as an assistant corporation counsel on the City's Drug and Gang House Enforcement program and litigated federal civil rights cases on behalf of City of Chicago employees. In 2001, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney until 2011. From 2011 until 2013, Judge Weisman was a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman. In 2013, he joined Miller Shakman & Beem as a partner until he entered duty as a magistrate judge in 2016.

Pursuant to the Court's Internal Operating Procedures, the chief magistrate judge is appointed by the chief judge of the District Court for a term of two years. Chief magistrate judges coordinate the activities of the district's magistrate judges, make duty assignments, monitor magistrate judge workloads, regularly meet with the chief district judge, and maintain liaison with the district judges and other court officers.

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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