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STATEMENT OF CHIEF JUDGE CASTILLO ON THE PASSING OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE DANIEL G. MARTIN

Today our Court mourns the loss of a beloved colleague, U.S. Magistrate Judge Daniel G. Martin. Judge Martin died today, October 11, 2018. Judge Martin earned his undergraduate degree from DePaul University in 1981. He earned his J.D. from Chicago-Kent Law School in 1985. Upon his graduation from law school, he became a Staff Attorney and then a Supervising Staff Attorney with the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois. There he tried more than sixty criminal jury trials and more than forty cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In 2002, he created and administered the Federal Defender Program's Summer Trial Skills Institute. In 2012, he was selected as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, joining our Court on October 1, 2012. Judge Martin also served as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Chicago-Kent College of Law, teaching several courses on Trial Advocacy. He was active as a volunteer with Muscular Dystrophy Association of America and Association of Horizon, both organizations serving individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

Judge Martin's greatest source of joy were his three daughters, Azalea, Kayla, and Brianna. He always spoke of them with profound love and pride. He was an excellent jurist while maintaining a wonderful sense of humor and a refreshingly down-to-earth demeanor. Judge Martin will be remembered for his compassion, not only for those who appeared before him in Court, but for those who were fortunate enough to cross paths with him in the courthouse, in his volunteer work, and in his twenty-eight years as an attorney with the Federal Defender Program. Judge Martin and I shared a great fondness for the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Blackhawks, and I know he will treasure the memory of seeing these beloved teams win championships. We will miss him terribly. Our hearts and prayers are with Judge Martin's family.