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M. David Weisman publically sworn in as newest magistrate judge for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, Ill. - Today in the James Benton Parsons Ceremonial Courtroom at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse, M. David Weisman was publically sworn in as Magistrate Judge for the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

“We welcome Judge Weisman to the hardest-working magistrate bench in the country. In addition to having a bright legal mind, Judge Weisman has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service throughout his career. I am confident that his excellent credentials and his breadth of experience in both criminal and civil law will serve our district well,” said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo.

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, Mr. 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 last month.

Magistrate Judge Weisman will preside in Chicago, in the Eastern Division, filling the judicial vacancy created by the June 2016 retirement of Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown.

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.

The Northern District of Illinois is authorized twelve magistrate judges in Chicago and one in Rockford. With twenty-two authorized district judgeships, the U.S. District for the Northern District of Illinois is the third largest district court in the U.S. The Northern District of Illinois stretches across 18 counties, covering an area of nearly 10,100 square miles, with a population of 9.3 million people.

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