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CLERK OF COURT THOMAS G. BRUTON SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL COURT CLERKS ASSOCIATION

Chicago- Chief United States District Judge Rubén Castillo announced today that Thomas Bruton, Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois was sworn in as President of the Federal Court Clerks Association. Mr. Bruton is the Association's 55th President and will serve a two year term of office.

Chief Judge Castillo stated, "Tom Bruton's election is a great recognition of his national status as a court administrator with great vision. This is a great honor for Tom, his family, and our District."

Upon swearing in, Mr. Bruton stated, "I am honored to be the President of the FCCA and I look forward to working with the Board of Directors of the Association, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and the Federal Judicial Center on important issues facing the judiciary." Bruton concluded, "The members of the FCCA are some of the most dedicated individuals I have ever met. They are focused on education in order to be the most valuable employees in the federal Judiciary."

Mr. Bruton was first appointed Clerk of Court on January 1, 2012. As Clerk of Court, Mr. Bruton is responsible for overseeing the administration and operation of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. 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 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.

As President of the Federal Court Clerks Association, Mr. Bruton will represent the nearly 1000 members of the Association. The Federal Court Clerk's Association was established in 1922 to promote the professionalism and integrity of the federal judiciary. The FCCA focuses its efforts on increasing the proficiency of court employees, supporting the independence of the judiciary, and fostering cooperation between courts and the community. The Association serves as an intermediary between the clerks, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Federal Judicial Center, and the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

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