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### **Judge Sunil Harjani Sworn in as U.S. District Judge**

Chicago, Ill. – Today in a private ceremony, Judge Sunil R. Harjani was sworn in on the district court bench.

“We are delighted to welcome Judge Harjani to his new role as a District Judge of our Court,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer. “Judge Harjani has been an incredible asset to this court as a Magistrate Judge for the last five years. In that time, he has made a lasting impact on our district in several ways including, most recently, by spearheading the Magistrate Judge History Project.”

Judge Harjani holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University. He practiced federal civil litigation as a Senior Counsel at the United States Securities & Exchange Commission, associate at Jenner & Block, and law clerk to U.S. District Judge Suzanne B. Conlon of this court.

Prior to assuming the bench, from September 2008 through January 2019, he was an Assistant United States Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Section for the United States Attorney’s Office in Chicago, where he investigated and prosecuted complex white-collar crimes. During his time as a federal prosecutor, Judge Harjani tried numerous securities and commodities matters, and other complex fraud cases to verdict in this district, as well as argued multiple appeals on behalf of the United States before the Seventh Circuit.

Judge Harjani is currently an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern Law School, where he teaches White Collar Criminal Practice and Federal Civil Discovery Courses. He is also a trained and certified mediator, and previously conducted settlement conferences for the Cook County court system prior to joining the bench.

United States Magistrate Judge Sunil R. Harjani took his oath of office as U.S. Magistrate Judge on January 10, 2019.

On January 10, 2024, President Joe Biden announced his intent to nominate Judge Harjani to serve as a United States District Judge, and on March 7, 2024, his nomination was sent to the Senate. On March 12, 2024, he was confirmed by the Senate. Judge Harjani fills the seat that was created when Judge Thomas Durkin took senior status on December 26, 2023.

Judge Harjani will move to Chambers 1764 and Courtroom 1725 in Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. A public swearing ceremony will be held in the future.

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