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Court Welcomes District Judge Steven C. Seeger in Ceremonial Investiture

Chicago, Ill. – On February 21, 2020, U.S. District Judge Steven C. Seeger was sworn in as a district judge at a ceremonial investiture.

“Judge Seeger is a wonderful addition to the district court bench. Judge Seeger’s litigation experience in both the public and private sectors will serve our district well,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

Michael Fragoso, Chief Counsel for Nominations and the Constitution on the Senate Judiciary Committee, read the Commission and made the motion to administer the Oath of Office, and Chief Judge Pallmeyer administered the Oath.

Judge Seeger’s clerks (Grace Brier, Tom Collier, and Carolyn Weltman) did a reading from Federalist No. 78 from the Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton.

District Judge Manish Shah shared a history of the judicial seat to which Judge Seeger was nominated. Mark Nomellini, partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Angela Frye, Managing Associate General Counsel, Verizon; Judge Seeger’s sons; Jonathan Polish, Senior Trial Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Steven Harper, retired partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, all offered remarks.

Judge Seeger earned his undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Upon graduation from law school, he served as a law clerk to Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He then joined the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he practiced for twelve years, the last

seven as a partner. In 2010, Judge Seeger became Senior Trial Counsel to the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, where he served until joining the district court bench. The President nominated Judge Seeger to the seat vacated by Judge James Zagel, who took senior status on March 1, 2017.

Judge Seeger officially joined the district court bench on September 16, 2019.

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Chief Judge Pallmeyer administers the Oath of Office to Judge Seeger as Judge Seeger's wife, Kristen, and their sons stand beside him.



Left to right: Chief Judge Pallmeyer, Judge Seeger, and Judge Norgle
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