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### **Judge Nancy L. Maldonado Sworn in as District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois**

Chicago, Ill. - Today in a private ceremony, Judge Matthew F. Kennelly swore in Nancy L. Maldonado as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

“Nancy Maldonado is a talented, compassionate, and well-respected jurist. We are so pleased to welcome Judge Maldonado to the District Court bench. It is a particularly momentous day for our Court as Judge Maldonado is the first Hispanic woman to serve as an Article III judge in Illinois,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

On April 13, 2022, President Joe Biden announced his intent to nominate Judge Maldonado to serve as a United States District Judge, and on April 25, 2022, her nomination was sent to the Senate. She was confirmed on July 19, 2022.

Prior to joining the Court, Judge Maldonado was a partner at Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois. Judge. Maldonado joined the firm as an associate in 2003 and was elevated to partner in 2010. She previously served as a law clerk for Judge Rubén Castillo on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois from 2001 to 2003. Judge Maldonado received her J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2001, and her Bachelor of Arts from Harvard College in 1997.

Judge Maldonado fills the seat vacated by Judge Kennelly, who took senior status on October 7, 2021.

District court judges are nominated by the President and confirmed by the United States Senate, as stated in the Constitution. The Senate Judiciary Committee typically conducts

confirmation hearings for each nominee. Article III of the Constitution states that these judicial officers are appointed for a life term.

Judge Maldonado will immediately receive a caseload of 287 randomly assigned cases and will immediately be added to the civil case assignment system in order to be assigned new cases. Judge Maldonado will sit in Dirksen U.S. Courthouse Courtroom 1719, and her chambers will be in Chambers 1778.

A formal investiture ceremony for Judge Maldonado will be held in the future.

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