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### **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE P. MICHAEL MAHONEY WILL LEAVE THE BENCH ON MAY 1, 2014**

ROCKFORD- Today, Chief United States District Judge Ruben Castillo announced that United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney will leave the bench on May 1, 2014. Magistrate Judge Mahoney has served the Western Division of the Northern District of Illinois for nearly four decades, and he currently presides over cases at the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse, located in Rockford, Illinois.

Magistrate Judge Mahoney had been recalled to work for the Northern District of Illinois since his retirement on December 31, 2012 after 36 years of service to the Court. First appointed as a part-time magistrate judge for the Western Division in 1976, Magistrate Judge Mahoney was then appointed as a full-time magistrate judge in 1992. During this time, Magistrate Judge Mahoney earned the distinction as the longest-serving magistrate judge in the Seventh Circuit.

Chief Judge Castillo stated, "U.S. Magistrate Judge Mahoney has served the citizens of the Western Division of our District as an outstanding jurist. The Magistrate Judge in the Western Division is historically one of the busiest magistrate judges in the country and Magistrate Judge Mahoney provided excellent and distinguished service to each party that appeared before him." Chief Judge Castillo continued, "On behalf of the entire Court, I want to thank Magistrate Judge Mahoney for his excellent and dedicated service to the citizens of the Northern District of Illinois."

The Court appointed United States Magistrate Judge Iain D. Johnston on May 3, 2013 to fill the vacancy created by Magistrate Judge Mahoney's retirement, and he is working with U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala and Senior U.S. District Judge Philip G. Reinhard.

United States Magistrate Judges perform a variety of duties for the Court, including conducting most preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases, the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants, conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on reference from a district judge of the Court, and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.