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Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Kristine Phillips to Replace Retiring Chief Richard L. Tracy

CHICAGO – Chief Judge James F. Holderman today announced that the court’s Chief Probation Officer, Richard L. Tracy, will retire effective May 1, 2010, and that Kristine Phillips, Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer since 2000, will become Chief on that day.

As a federal law enforcement officer, Chief Tracy is subject to the hazardous duty mandatory retirement requirement at age 57.

Chief Tracy holds a bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University in administration of justice and has a master’s degree in social work from the University of Illinois. Deputy Chief Phillips holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Illinois and has a master’s degree in counseling and personal services from the University of Missouri.

Chief Tracy has served in the U.S. Probation Office for the Northern District of Illinois for 27 years. After being hired as a probation officer in 1983, he was promoted to the position of supervisor in 1987. He also served as Deputy Chief and was appointed Chief Probation Officer in 1999.

Deputy Chief Phillips has served in the Probation Office since 1989 and has been in her current position since 2000.

Chief Judge Holderman stated, “The judges of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois thank Richard Tracy for his dedicated service to the U.S. Probation Office. He has served the court, probationers, the community, and the federal criminal justice process with diligence and integrity. Under his leadership, the U.S. Probation Office of the Northern District of Illinois has become a model for the country.”

Chief Judge Holderman also noted, “Kristine Phillips has done an outstanding job as Deputy Chief, and I am sure she will continue to serve as Chief with the same tradition of excellence.”