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Judge Steven C. Seeger Sworn-in as District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, Ill. – In a private ceremony, Judge Steven C. Seeger was sworn-in as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

“We are delighted to welcome Judge Seeger to the Court at the Heart of America. His background in both the public and private sectors and his litigation experience will be an asset to our court,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

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 law clerk to Judge David B. Sentelle of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He then joined the Chicago law offices 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.

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 Seeger will immediately receive a caseload of 342 randomly-assigned civil cases and will immediately be added to the civil case assignment system in order to be assigned new cases.

A formal investiture ceremony for Judge Seeger will be held at a later date.



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