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U.S. Magistrate Judge Albert Berry III Sworn in

Chicago, Ill. – In a private ceremony, Albert Berry III was sworn in by former Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer as the newest U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for Northern District of Illinois.

“We are so pleased to welcome Judge Berry to our talented and hardworking magistrate judge bench. His litigation experience, extensive practice in complex criminal matters, and career-long commitment to public service make him such an asset to this district,” said Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Berry served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Violent Crimes Section in the U.S. Attorney’s Office (USAO) for the Northern District of Illinois. Before joining the USAO, he served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Illinois Attorney General’s Office from 2014 until 2016. Judge Berry worked as a Senior Attorney, Torts, with the Chicago Transit Authority from 2012 to 2014. He also worked in the private practice of law in early 2012 and from 2003 until 2006. From 2006 until 2010, Judge Berry served as an Assistant District Attorney with the New York County District Attorney’s Office. In 2000, Judge Berry earned his undergraduate degree from South Carolina State University and his law degree from Albany Law School in 2003.

Magistrate judges perform a variety of duties for the court, including conducting preliminary proceedings in federal criminal cases and the trial and disposition of federal misdemeanor cases upon consent of the litigants. They conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings upon referral from a district judge of the court and the trial and disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Magistrate Judge Berry will preside in Chicago. Judge Berry’s Courtroom is Courtroom 2214, and his chambers is in 2206 Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. A public swearing-in ceremony will be held at a future date.

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