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Judge Georgia N. Alexakis Sworn in as U.S. District Judge

Chicago, Ill. – Today in a private ceremony, Georgia N. Alexakis was sworn in as the newest district court judge on the federal bench in Chicago. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois now has a full contingent of 21 active judges and 10 senior judges.

“I am delighted to welcome Judge Alexakis to our District Court bench,” said Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall. “She has years of experience in both criminal and civil litigation and an outstanding reputation in the legal field. I have no doubt she will hit the ground running.”

Just prior to joining the bench and from 2013 to 2021, Judge Alexakis served as an Assistant United States Attorney and the Chief of Appeals for the Criminal Division in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Illinois. From 2021 to 2022, Judge Alexakis worked as a partner at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP in Chicago. From 2008 to 2012, she was an associate and then a partner at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP. Judge Alexakis served as a law clerk for Judge Milton I. Shadur of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois from 2007 to 2008 and for Judge Marsha S. Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 2006 to 2007. Judge Alexakis earned her law degree from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in 2006 and her undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 2000. Between college and law school, from 2000 to 2003, Judge Alexakis worked as an associate and then as a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group in Chicago.

On February 21, 2024, President Joe Biden announced his intent to nominate Judge Alexakis to serve as a United States District Judge, and on February 27, 2024, her nomination was sent to the Senate. On May 1, 2024, she was confirmed by the Senate. Judge Alexakis fills the seat vacated by Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, who assumed senior status on August 1, 2024.

Judge Alexakis will serve in Chambers 1719 and Courtroom 1778 in Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. A public swearing ceremony will be held in the future.

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