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Daniel P. McLaughlin Sworn in as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill.- Today in a private ceremony, Daniel P. McLaughlin was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

"Judge McLaughlin is a seasoned litigator and will be an outstanding addition to our district's hard-working and dedicated magistrate judge bench," said Chief Judge Virginia M. Kendall.

Just prior to joining the magistrate judge bench and since March 2008, Judge McLaughlin served as a staff attorney with the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois. Prior to joining the Federal Defender Program, he was an associate attorney with Jenner & Block for approximately four years. He earned his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2004 and his undergraduate degree from Marquette University in 1999. In 2018, Judge McLauglin received the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Public Service.

Judge McLaughlin fills the magistrate judge vacancy created when Judge Sunil R. Harjani was elevated to the district court bench.

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 McLaughin will preside in Chicago. Judge McLaughlin's Courtroom is Courtroom 1350, and his chambers is in 1356 Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. A public swearing-in ceremony will be held at a future date.