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Amanda Garcia Selected as New Chief of U.S. Pretrial Services

Chicago, Ill. – The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has selected Amanda Garcia as its new Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer. Miss Garcia is the District’s first Hispanic Chief Pretrial Services Officer.

“We are pleased to welcome Ms. Garcia to the Northern District of Illinois. She joins our district with a breadth of expertise and leadership experience in both pretrial and post-conviction work,” said Chief Judge Ruben Castillo.

For the past two and a half years, Ms. Garcia has served as Branch Chief in the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) in the Probation and Pretrial Services Office, supervising a staff who conducts Probation and Pretrial Office reviews. Prior to that role, she worked for two years as a Probation Administrator at the AO and for 13 years as a U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Officer in the Northern and Western Districts of Texas. Ms. Garcia earned her a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Ms. Garcia will join the district this summer, filling the role currently held by Chief Pretrial Services Officer Ann Marie Carey, who will be retiring after 30 years of service to the Northern District of Illinois and the Federal Judiciary.

The Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer is responsible for the administration and management of the Pretrial Services Office in the District. The Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer administers and manages federal pretrial services within the 18-county area surrounding Chicago.

The U.S. Pretrial Services System is a part of the federal judiciary. U.S. Pretrial Services officers supervise federal defendants released pending trial and in doing so reduce the risk these persons pose to the public. Pretrial Officers also prepare reports that the court relies on in making decisions and direct defendants to services that help them stay on the right side of the law. These services include substance abuse or mental health treatment, medical care, training, or employment assistance.

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