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Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman Reappointed to Eight-Year Term

CHICAGO, Ill. - Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer announced that United States Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman has been reappointed to a new eight-year term of service as United States Magistrate Judges. Judge Weisman's new term will expire on June 16, 2032.

"The Northern District of Illinois is honored and fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant and distinguished jurist as Judge Weisman. Our district's talented and hard-working magistrate judges are indispensable to the court," said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

In February 2024, Chief Judge Pallmeyer directed a Magistrate Judge Advisory Panel to review the service of Magistrate Judge Weisman and to make a report to the Court's district judges recommending whether Judge Weisman should be reappointed. After interviewing the district judges and reviewing submitted public comments, survey responses by members of the bar, and statistical data regarding caseload for Judge Weisman; the panel unanimously recommended his reappointment. The Panel was chaired by Ms. Eileen Letts and the members were as follows:

- Ms. Eileen M. Letts (Chair)
- Mr. Theodore T. Chung
- Hon. Grace G. Dickler (Ret.)
- Mr. Joseph M. Gagliardo
- Ms. Verneé Green*
- Ms. Nathalina Hudson
- Ms. Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis
- Ms. Meghan C. Morrissey
- Ms. Amanda Gabriela Penabad
- Mr. Nigel F. Telman
- Ms. Kali Thomas*
- Mr. Jeffrey S. Torosian
- Hon. Debra Walker
- Hon. Edward Washington, II (Ret.)

"We are grateful to this distinguished panel of attorneys and citizens for voluntarily undertaking this important task on behalf of the people of our district," said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

United States 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 disposition of federal civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

*By regulation, the Panel must include at least two non-lawyers.

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