

Press Release

**United States District for the Southern District of Indiana
Roger A.G. Sharpe, Clerk**

The Federal Court Family Celebrates Black History Month with

Looking Back, Leaning Forward

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 2:00 PM

(January 25, 2021): The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is pleased to announce Dean Karen E. Bravo as the speaker at its 22nd annual Black History Month event. Appointed as Dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law on July 1, 2020, Dean Bravo is the first person of color ever appointed to the role. This year's hour-long program, *Looking Back, Leaning Forward*, will be held virtually on **Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM**.

Dean Bravo's remarks will focus on key moments throughout African American history, while putting recent events into a broader historical context. In 2020, America faced, among other challenges, social unrest and a popular (re)awakening about the legacy of enslavement. 2021 brings the opportunity to recognize the 160th anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Civil War, the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, and the 60th anniversary of the Freedom rides. Dean Bravo will reflect on these events, along with lessons she has learned, in an effort to build a better future.

Dean Bravo joined the McKinney School of Law faculty in 2004, teaching international law, international trade law, and business courses. Her previous administrative appointments at the law school include Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Vice Dean (2018-2020). A well-known international law scholar and expert in the study of human trafficking, Dean Bravo is the founder and leader of the interdisciplinary Slavery Past, Present and Future project.

As in past years, the 2021 program is co-sponsored by the United States District Court, Bankruptcy Court, Probation Office, United States Attorney's Office, Federal Community Defenders, and the United States Marshals Service for the Southern District of Indiana. One hour of Continuing Legal Education credit is pending approval. The event is free and open to the public, but **pre-registration is required** and space is limited. Please email insd_cle@insd.uscourts.gov to reserve a space. Only those individuals who pre-register for the program will receive the Zoom link. Questions? Please contact Mary Giorgio at 317-229-3711 or mary_giorgio@insd.uscourts.gov.