

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

#### **Magistrate Judge Matthew P. Brookman Nominated to District Judgeship; District Judge Richard L. Young to Assume Senior Status**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (December 22, 2022): Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt, on behalf of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, congratulates Magistrate Judge Matthew P. Brookman on his nomination to a district judgeship in the Southern District of Indiana. President Joseph R. Biden made the nomination on December 21, 2022.

If confirmed by the Senate, Magistrate Judge Brookman will fill the vacancy created by Judge Richard L. Young's assumption of senior status, a form of semi-retirement that will allow him to reduce his caseload.

Judge Young stated, "I've been on the District Court bench for 25 years. It is time to slow down a bit and take some time to travel and perhaps learn how to play the piano. I am thrilled that Judge Brookman has been nominated. He has great support in our district, especially in the Evansville legal community."

Chief Judge Pratt remarked, "We are happy that Judge Young will be able to begin his journey of senior status, and very grateful for his continued service to the Court and the citizens of the Southern District of Indiana as he intends to maintain a substantial caseload. And we could not be happier to have Magistrate Judge Brookman as his nominated successor. Magistrate Judge Brookman has served the Southern District of Indiana bench with great dedication, skill, and grace since he joined us in 2016. These attributes will serve him well as he undertakes new responsibilities as a district judge."

Magistrate Judge Brookman was appointed to his current position on February 1, 2016, by the District Judges of the Southern District of Indiana. Prior to his appointment, Judge Brookman was employed by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, where he served as the Chief of the Office's Drug and Violent Crime Unit and Lead Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force Attorney. He was also a member of the United States Attorney's Executive Committee, Capital Case Coordinator for the Southern District of Indiana, and served as a Chair and a Member from 2011 until 2015 of the United States Attorney's various Hiring Committees. In 2010, Judge Brookman received the Director's Award from United States Attorney General Eric Holder, in Washington, DC, for superior performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, for his work on the *United States v. Jarvis Brown, et al.* quadruple homicide prosecution.

After spending the early part of his career in private practice and with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Jefferson County, Missouri, Judge Brookman joined the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri in 1999. Judge Brookman then

moved to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana in 2002. Judge Brookman has served in the past as an adjunct professor with the University of Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana

Judge Brookman was born in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990 from DePauw University, where he majored in economics and history. He obtained his law degree from the Washington University School of Law in May 1993.

Should he be confirmed, Judge Brookman will maintain his primary chambers in Evansville and travel regularly to Indianapolis for hearings and trials.