

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

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#### **Magistrate Judge Doris L. Pryor Nominated as Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Creates a Potential United States Magistrate Judge Vacancy**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 23, 2022): On May 25, 2022, President Joe Biden nominated United States Magistrate Judge Doris L. Pryor for the Southern District of Indiana, as Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. If confirmed by the United States Senate, there will be a second United States Magistrate Judge vacancy in the Southern District of Indiana.

The court announced earlier in the year that United States Magistrate Judge Debra McVicker Lynch plans to retire on October 31, 2022, and a public notice was issued for the appointment of a successor magistrate judge to fill this vacancy. During this selection process, on June 23, 2022, the Judicial Conference of the United States also authorized the appointment of another full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana at Indianapolis, effective and contingent upon the confirmation of Magistrate Judge Pryor as Circuit Judge to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Accordingly, the court has issued an amended order, extending the empanelment of the sitting Merit Selection Panel to consider and recommend candidates to fill both magistrate judge vacancies. Another public notice seeking applicants to fill this second potential vacancy has been posted on the Southern District of Indiana's website and can be accessed here: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/us-magistrate-judge-vacancy>. Interested candidates, including those who applied for Judge Lynch's vacancy, should follow the instructions provided in the public notice to apply for the second vacancy.

Earlier this year, United States Magistrate Judge Mario Garcia and Clerk of Court Roger A. G. Sharpe hosted a live webinar, "Understanding the Position of a U.S. Magistrate Judge." During this virtual event, Judge Garcia provided an overview of the day-to-day responsibilities of a Magistrate Judge. Magistrate Judge Garcia and Clerk Sharpe also provided information and insights on the process to become a Magistrate Judge. If interested in viewing this recorded webinar, please send an email to [MagJudgeApp@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MagJudgeApp@insd.uscourts.gov). Please provide your name and email address to the receive the webinar link.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Judges of the United States District Court for terms of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms.

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