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MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN PAUL GODICH TO RETIRE

The Honorable Larry J. McKinney, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, announces the retirement of recalled Magistrate Judge John Paul Godich, effective December 6, 2007. Judge Godich will retire from the federal bench after more than 34 years of service, having been appointed by the court on October 1, 1973, while William E. Steckler was Chief District Judge. After his initial appointment, Judge Godich was reappointed to three successive eight-year terms, and assumed recall status on October 1, 2001.

Prior to his service as a magistrate judge, John Paul Godich graduated from Princeton University in 1966 and from Yale University Law School in 1969. He served as a law clerk to the Honorable S. Hugh Dillin from 1969 until 1971, and worked in private practice from 1971 until his appointment in 1973.