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**Memorial Ceremony Today to Honor the Life and Judicial Service of the  
Honorable Denise K. LaRue**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (September 14, 2017): As the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana continues to mourn the passing of Magistrate Judge Denise K. LaRue, the Court will hold a memorial ceremony in recognition of her life, legal career, and judicial service today, September 14, 2017, at 3:00 pm in the William E. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom (Courtroom 202), at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis, Indiana. Judge LaRue died on August 2, 2017. Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson remarked, "This memorial ceremony will allow the Court and legal community to publicly recognize and celebrate what we each experienced in our professional relationships with Judge LaRue: her grace, her generosity of spirit, and her abiding love and respect for the law."

Judge LaRue was born in Indianapolis in 1958 and graduated *cum laude* from Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1989. She received her B.S. in Public Personnel-Labor Relations from Indiana University - Bloomington in 1980. Upon graduation from law school, Judge LaRue worked as a staff attorney at the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. She entered private practice as an associate at what became Haskin & LaRue, LLP, in 1994, and became a partner two years later.

While in private practice, Judge LaRue gained extensive experience litigating employment-related matters involving discrimination and retaliation claims under Title VII; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Family & Medical Leave Act; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. She also pursued claims asserting various constitutional violations of due process rights, free speech, and political association violations; wage and hour violations; and claims under an array of federal labor acts.

As a magistrate judge, she was adept at bringing complex cases to settlement, working diligently with parties and attorneys to determine an outcome acceptable to both sides.

Judge LaRue's demeanor both in chambers and on the bench was calm, encouraging, and fair. She addressed all who appeared before her with patience and equanimity. Judge LaRue was also active in the wider legal community. In addition to serving on the Board of the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Inc., Judge LaRue was a Life Member of the Marion County Bar Association and a Master with the Indianapolis American Inn of Court.

Today's ceremony is scheduled to last one hour. Speakers will include Chief Judge Magnus-Stinson, Meg Kent, John H. Haskin, John R. Maley, Brian Welch, Brian D. Burbrink, Detra Lynn Mills, Pastor Winterbourne Harrison-Jones, and a musical selection presented by First Lady Jillian Harrison-Jones and Reverend Dennis Freeman.

Members of the media wishing to cover the ceremony may do so but are advised to contact Doria Lynch, Public Information Officer for the Court, at [Doria\\_Lynch@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Doria_Lynch@insd.uscourts.gov) or 317-229-3729 prior to the event. Photography and videography will be permitted.