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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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Roger Sharpe sworn in as new Clerk of Court

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (May 12, 2020): Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson announced that Roger A. G. Sharpe has been sworn in as Clerk of Court, effective May 11, 2020. Mr. Sharpe fills the vacancy created by the retirement of former Clerk Laura A. Briggs.

As Clerk of Court, Mr. Sharpe reports directly to Chief Judge Stinson and the other judges of the Southern District. The Clerk leads an office of some 75 employees who provide a wide variety of services to members of the court community and the public at large. Mr. Sharpe's responsibilities encompass a multitude of legal and administrative duties, from managing the Court's budget, information technology, and space and facilities, to overseeing the staff responsible for docketing and processing civil and criminal cases, jury services, and courtroom operations.

At his swearing in ceremony, which was held on May 8 via video conference, Mr. Sharpe remarked, "I am happy to work for a Court full of talented and dedicated public servants. But just as important, I am happy to work for a Court where people treat each other with kindness and respect, even though the nature of our work is often quite stressful. I'm looking forward to many years of working with all of you to further the Court's mission, a mission about which I care deeply. And I fully expect that we will also find time to enjoy the journey together."

Mr. Sharpe previously served as the Court's death penalty law clerk. He joined the Southern District of Indiana in September 2013 and has also held positions as attorney to the clerk, staff attorney, and law clerk to Chief Judge Stinson. Before coming to the Southern District of Indiana, Mr. Sharpe served as a law clerk to the Hon. Sidney Fitzwater of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas from August 2011-August 2012, followed by a year-long clerkship with the Hon. Jerome Holmes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Oklahoma City.

Born and raised in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Sharpe is a graduate of Rice University, with a B.A. in Religious Studies, *cum laude*. He received his Juris Doctorate, with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School. He and his family live in Indianapolis.