

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
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M. Kendra Klump Sworn In as United States Magistrate Judge

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (January 6, 2023): The Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, is pleased to announce that M. Kendra Klump was sworn in today as United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Klump fills the vacancy created by the recent elevation of the Honorable Doris L. Pryor from Magistrate Judge of the Southern District of Indiana to Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

During a private ceremony in front of Judge Klump's family and colleagues, Chief Judge Pratt remarked, "During her interview, the District Judges were overwhelmingly impressed with Kendra Klump's intelligence, preparedness, and passion for pursuing equal justice under the law. She also demonstrated those abilities as an Assistant United States Attorney, and each of these traits are going to serve her very well as a magistrate judge. We are thrilled to welcome Judge Klump as a member of the District Court family."

After taking the oath, Judge Klump said, "When I was preparing for today, the words 'attitude of abundance' came to mind. That is the mantra that my family and I have adopted and embrace every day. These words help us remember and appreciate all the great things that we have: the opportunities, the family, the friends, our home, and our health. Our youngest child can't say 'attitude of abundance' quite yet, but when we speak these words before dinner each night, he knows something wonderful and good is about to happen. He is happy and grateful to be at the table with his family, and just like him, I am very excited about what is to come. I'm happy to be at this table with my family and my new extended court family."

A formal investiture ceremony for Judge Klump will occur at a later date.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Judge Klump is a 2004 graduate of Georgetown University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and mathematics, with a minor in French. From August 2004 – August 2005, she served as a Brookhaven National Laboratory Fellow with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria. Judge Klump then joined the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. as a general scientist.

In May 2008, Judge Klump enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School, where she was a Darrow Scholar, recipient of the Rakow Scholarship, and earned certificates of merit for

performance in Administrative Law and Securities Regulation. She was a contributing editor on the Michigan Law Review and graduated *magna cum laude* in December 2010.

Following law school, Judge Klump served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judith W. Rogers at the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. In September 2012, Judge Klump took a position as an Assistant United States Attorney in Cleveland, Ohio, where she remained until January 2017. At that time, Judge Klump became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. In February 2022, she became the Chief of the Southern District of Indiana's Drug Trafficking Unit.

An active participant in the legal community, Judge Klump is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Women & the Law Division and Criminal Justice Section. She is also a member of the Women & the Law Division's Mentoring Program and sits on the 2022-2024 Steering Committee for the Women's Leadership Initiative, a group focused on enhancing diversity and professional development and relationships throughout the federal court community. Judge Klump is a former member of the Board of the Northern District of Ohio Federal Bar Association.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. Magistrate Judges preside over many pretrial proceedings in both civil and criminal cases in federal court. A critical component of the position is conducting mediation and settlement proceedings in civil cases, helping parties settle their disputes by agreement.