

Press Release

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10th Anniversary of the Federal Courthouse in Terre Haute Remembered

INDIANAPOLIS (November 4, 2019) – This month, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the federal courthouse in Terre Haute. To commemorate this milestone anniversary, a portrait of Judge Larry J. McKinney is on display in the Terre Haute courtroom through the end of the year. As Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana from 2001 to 2007, Judge McKinney was instrumental in the effort to find a new home for the district court when its former location was acquired by Indiana State University.

Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson noted, “Our divisional locations are critical to the court’s ability to administer justice to citizens throughout the Southern District of Indiana. The Terre Haute division, which contains both federal and state prisons, is especially important given the number of prisoner case filings the court receives. We remain grateful to Judge McKinney and our Clerk of Court, Laura Briggs, for their tireless efforts to keep the federal judiciary in Terre Haute, and we look forward to many more years serving the people of Vigo and the surrounding counties.”

Indiana’s federal judges have been traveling to hear cases in the court’s outer divisions since the late 1800s, and the current building is the third in Terre Haute to house the court. The first combined post office and federal building opened in downtown Terre Haute in 1887. The building accommodated several federal agencies, including the district court. It was demolished in 1933 and replaced with a three-story Art Deco-style building, which opened in 1935 and is now the home of Indiana State University’s Scott College of Business.

The current Federal Courthouse in Terre Haute is located at 921 Ohio Street.