

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

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#### **Magistrate Judge William G. Hussmann, Jr., to Retire on January 31, 2016**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 10, 2015): After more than 27 years of dedicated service to the federal judiciary, Magistrate Judge William G. Hussmann, Jr., has notified Chief Judge Richard L. Young of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana of his intention to retire on January 31, 2016. Judge Hussmann was appointed to the court on April 4, 1988, and has served with distinction, being reappointed in 1996, 2004, and 2012.

Judge Hussmann presides over preliminary criminal proceedings and a wide range of civil cases in the Evansville, Terre Haute, and New Albany Divisions of the Southern District of Indiana. In an average year, he conducts jury and bench trials, leads approximately 150 settlement conferences acting as the court mediator, and writes opinions in approximately 50 cases.

A native of Evansville, Judge Hussmann attended Valparaiso University for both his undergraduate and law degrees, which he obtained in 1972 and 1975, respectively. Judge Hussmann was admitted to the Indiana and North Carolina bars in 1976 and began his legal career in private practice in Wilmington, North Carolina. He returned to Indiana in 1981, taking a job as Deputy Attorney General. In 1983, he became a staff attorney for the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. He then worked as an in-house staff attorney for Associated Insurance Companies, Inc., from 1987 until his appointment to the court.

In addition to his service on the bench, Judge Hussmann is a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Codes of Conduct, co-chair of the Evansville Bar Association's Diversity Outreach Committee, and member of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association's Long-Range Planning Committee. He has previously acted as an adjunct instructor at the University of Evansville School of Business, served on the United States Courts Advisory Committee on the Magistrate Judges System, and has organized and spoken at numerous Continuing Legal Education programs.

Judge Hussmann and his wife, Joann, have four children: John (wife Anna); Matthew (wife Morgan); Michael (wife Natalie); and Katherine Coffey (husband Kyle).

Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the United States District Court for terms of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. A Public Notice seeking applicants to fill the vacancy that will be created by Judge Hussmann's departure has been posted on the Southern District of Indiana's website, and can be accessed here: <http://www.insd.uscourts.gov/news/public-notice-appointment-new-full-time-united-states-magistrate-judge> .