

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

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#### **James Patrick Hanlon sworn in as United States District Judge**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (November 13, 2018): The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is pleased to announce that James Patrick Hanlon today took the oath of office to become a United States District Judge. Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson administered the oath at 8:30 a.m., fulfilling the final step in Judge Hanlon's ascension to the bench. On April 12, 2018, with the support of Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young, President Trump sent Judge Hanlon's nomination to the Senate, which confirmed him unanimously via a voice vote on October 11, 2018. Judge Hanlon fills the seat created by Judge William T. Lawrence's assumption of senior status on July 1, 2018.

Chief Judge Magnus-Stinson said, "The court is delighted to have Judge Hanlon on the bench. He is an immensely talented attorney and his experience and success in private practice, with the United States Attorney's Office, and as a law clerk make him the perfect person to fill the latest vacancy on the court. The addition of Judge Hanlon brings the Southern District of Indiana back to its full complement of five district judges and we are grateful to be at full strength once more."

Judge Hanlon's caseload is drawn from the Indianapolis and Terre Haute divisions and, in addition to drawing newly assigned cases, he has been reassigned cases from other judges.

Prior to his appointment as District Judge, Judge Hanlon was a partner in the Indianapolis office of Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, where he served as co-chair of the firm's white collar defense and investigations practice. Prior to Faegre Baker Daniels' creation in 2012, Judge Hanlon was a partner at Baker & Daniels LLP since 2006.

From 2001 to 2006, Judge Hanlon served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. Judge Hanlon was also a law clerk to the Honorable Robert L. Miller of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana from 1997 to 1998. Judge Hanlon was in private practice with Seyfarth Shaw LLP in Chicago from 1996 to 1997, and again after his clerkship, from 1998 until his move to Indianapolis in 2001.

A native of Evanston, Illinois, Judge Hanlon earned a B.A. from DePauw University in 1992. In 1996, he earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Valparaiso University Law School, where he served as an articles editor of the Valparaiso University Law Review.