

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

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### **Formal investiture ceremony today for United States District Judge James R. Sweeney II**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (November 11, 2018): The Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that a formal swearing-in ceremony for United States District Judge James R. Sweeney II will be held today, Friday, November 16, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis, Indiana. Chief Judge Magnus-Stinson will preside over the *en banc* ceremony in the William E. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom (courtroom 202).

With the support of Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young, President Trump nominated Judge Sweeney for the position on November 1, 2017, to the seat created by Judge Sarah Evans Barker's assumption of senior status in 2014. The Senate unanimously confirmed Judge Sweeney on August 28, 2018. Judge Sweeney'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 Sweeney was a partner in the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, focusing on intellectual property matters, as well as serving as co-chair of the firm's Federal Contracting, Procurement and National Security Practice Group. He was also a member of the Global Services Practice Group and the Internet and Technology Law Practice Group. Judge Sweeney represented clients in national security clearance and defense industry matters. He also represented clients in military forums and federal grand jury proceedings and prosecutions.

Before joining Barnes & Thornburg, Judge Sweeney served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable John Daniel Tinder during Judge Tinder's service as U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. Judge Sweeney also clerked for the Honorable James L. Ryan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

An Indianapolis native, Judge Sweeney earned a B.S. with merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1983 and accepted a commission in the United States Marine Corps. He is a combat veteran and retired Marine Corps colonel. Judge Sweeney graduated magna cum laude in 1996 from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where he served as the editor in chief of the Notre Dame Law Review.

The investiture ceremony is a public event, but seating is limited. Photography will be permitted during the program. If you would like to send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the ceremony, or if you have other questions, please contact Deputy Clerk Doria Lynch at 317-229-3729 or [Doria\\_lynch@insd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Doria_lynch@insd.uscourts.gov).