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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (July 17, 2023): The Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt, 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 Matthew P. Brookman will be held Friday, July 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. CDT at the Winfield K. Denton Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Evansville, Indiana. Chief Judge Pratt will preside over the *en banc* ceremony in Courtroom 301.

President Joseph R. Biden nominated Judge Brookman to the District Court on January 3, 2023, and he was confirmed by the Senate on March 29. He received his commission on March 31. Judge Brookman fills the vacancy created by District Judge Richard L. Young's assumption of senior status.

Prior to his appointment as a District Judge, Judge Brookman served the Southern District of Indiana as a Magistrate Judge. He was appointed to that position on February 1, 2016, by the District Judges of the Southern District of Indiana. Additionally, Judge Brookman was appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts to serve on the Criminal Law Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States in 2022.

Judge Brookman was previously employed by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, where he served as the Chief of the Office's Drug and Violent Crime Unit and Lead Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force Attorney. He was also a member of the United States Attorney's Executive Committee, Capital Case Coordinator for the Southern District of Indiana, and served as a Chair and a Member from 2011 until 2015 of the United States Attorney's various Hiring Committees. In 2010, Judge Brookman received the Director's Award from United States Attorney General Eric Holder for superior performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, for his work on the *United States v. Jarvis Brown, et al.* quadruple homicide prosecution.

After spending the early part of his career in private practice and with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Jefferson County, Missouri, Judge Brookman joined the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri in 1999. Judge Brookman then moved to the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana in 2002. He has also taught at the United States Department of Justice National Advocacy Center and the Southwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Judge Brookman was born in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990 from DePauw University, where he majored in economics and history. He obtained his law degree from the Washington University School of Law in May 1993.

The investiture ceremony is a public event, but seating is limited. A Zoom link is available for people who wish to view the ceremony remotely. Photography will be permitted during the program. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the ceremony, or have other questions, please contact Deputy Clerk Doria Lynch at Doria_lynch@insd.uscourts.gov or 317-229-3729.