

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

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#### **District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson Honored at Senior Status Celebration**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (July 8, 2024): The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana came together on Friday, June 28 at a senior status celebration honoring District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson. Judge Magnus-Stinson was first appointed to the Southern District of Indiana as a magistrate judge in 2007, a role she held until her elevation to district judge in 2010. She assumed senior status on July 1, 2024, and will carry a reduced caseload going forward.

Judge Magnus-Stinson was recognized during an informal ceremony, at which Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt remarked, "Judge Magnus-Stinson's service to the U.S. District Court has been remarkable. During her term as chief judge, from November 23, 2016, to March 20, 2021, she helped the court family face its collective grief over the sudden and unexpected back-to-back losses of two of its most beloved jurists – Magistrate Judge Denise K. LaRue and Senior Judge Larry J. McKinney. She acquired a new magistrate judge position, saw the court through several threats of financial shutdown, was able to acquire a social security law clerk position, and increased the size of the court's staff attorneys' office from five to its present 14 lawyers. She also navigated our court family through uncharted waters when the worldwide pandemic struck, finding innovative new ways to keep the court functioning, cases moving through the system, and staff working during a difficult and uncertain time. On behalf of the entire court, and the thousands of citizens that you have served, thank you for your commitment to justice and to the judiciary."

Reflecting on her career and tenure with the court, Judge Magnus-Stinson thanked her family, colleagues on the bench, staff, and fellow attorneys. She said, "I am blessed to have had the opportunity to offer my dedicated service to the delivery of impartial justice in this important court. Sometimes justice has been delivered for the party before me. Sometimes justice is delivered for the people a party may have harmed. Serving here has been the honor of my life. I am very pleased to be able to continue in that pursuit, but most pleased to be able to do it part-time. Thank you all for being part of this very special day."

Before joining the Southern District of Indiana as magistrate judge in 2007, Judge Magnus-Stinson was appointed and then twice elected Judge of the Marion Superior Court, serving from 1995-2007. She served as Associate Presiding Judge during 2005-06. Judge Magnus-Stinson served as Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor

Evan Bayh from 1991 to 1995. She maintained a civil litigation practice at the firm of Lewis Wagner from 1983 through 1990.

Judge Magnus-Stinson served for seven years on the Defender Services Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts, and currently serves on the Seventh Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, the Seventh Circuit Advisory Committee on Rules, and the Seventh Circuit Committee on Supervised Release.

Judge Magnus-Stinson is a Trustee of Butler University and an emeritus member of the Board of Visitors of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. She is active in the Indianapolis Bar Association currently serving on its Board of Directors. She served as the Chair of its Pro Bono Standing Committee from 2005-06, as a Vice President in 2004, and on the Board of Managers in 2002-03. She has twice Co-Chaired the IndyBar Bar Leader series. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference, and past member of the Board of Managers of the Indiana Judges Association, and Chair of its Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, coordinating a complete revision of the Indiana Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions.

Judge Magnus-Stinson is a 1983 cum laude graduate of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, and a 1979 cum laude graduate of Butler University. Judge Magnus-Stinson is a past Member and Vice-Chair of the Wishard Memorial Foundation Board of Directors and Past President of Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

Judge Magnus-Stinson's assumption of senior status creates a vacancy on the Southern District of Indiana bench; President Biden has not yet nominated her successor.