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Magistrate Judge Mark J. Dinsmore to Retire January 1, 2027; Southern District of Indiana Accepting Applications to Fill Vacancy

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (February 2, 2026): After more than 15 years of dedicated service to the federal judiciary, United States Magistrate Judge Mark J. Dinsmore has notified Chief District Judge James R. Sweeney II of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana of his intention to retire on January 1, 2027. Judge Dinsmore was appointed to the court on December 17, 2010, and he was reappointed in 2018.

A Public Notice seeking applicants to fill the vacancy that will be created by Judge Dinsmore's departure has been posted on the Southern District of Indiana's website and can be accessed here: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/employment-opportunities>. United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Judges of the United States District Court for terms of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms.

Chief Judge Sweeney remarked, "On behalf of my fellow judicial officers, I congratulate Magistrate Judge Dinsmore and extend my sincere appreciation for his many years of service to the Southern District of Indiana. He has served our court with unwavering commitment, dedication, thoughtfulness, and professionalism. We hope that his next chapter will be rewarding and fulfilling, as he rightly deserves."

Before joining the Southern District of Indiana, Magistrate Judge Dinsmore was with the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he had practiced since 1996. His practice concentrated in the areas of complex commercial disputes and construction litigation matters. He focused on the use of technology to facilitate the management of complex matters and chaired the firm's Litigation Department Technology Committee. He also represented clients in international and domestic arbitrations, including representing the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in an international arbitration arising out of the Dayton Accords that ended the Balkan war. Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, Judge Dinsmore served as a law clerk for the Honorable John Daniel Tinder, who was then serving as a judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Before attending law school, he served as a captain in the United States Army in, among other places, the Republic of Korea.