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**Judge Tanya Walton Pratt Receives Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement  
Award from Howard University**

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (March 9, 2020): Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson is pleased to announce that the Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt has received the 2020 Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement Award in the fields of Law and Public Service from her law school alma mater, Howard University.

Judge Pratt was nominated by President Barack Obama and sworn in as a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana in June 2010, becoming the first African American to serve as a federal judge in Indiana. Prior to her service on the federal bench, Judge Pratt was an elected judge of the Marion Superior Court from 1996 until June 2010. She previously had a successful career in private practice from 1984 to 1996. She is a 1981 graduate of Spelman College and completed her J.D. at Howard University in 1984.

Howard University President Wayne A. I. Frederick said of Judge Pratt and her fellow award recipients, "This year's distinguished alumni illustrate the vast influence Howard University graduates have on our society. Their contributions to their industries, communities and the nation demonstrate the value of a Howard University education and how the core values of excellence, truth, and service can make an impact on our world."

The Court congratulates Judge Pratt on this award and thanks her for her continued service to the citizens of the Southern District of Indiana.