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Retirement ceremony scheduled for Senior District Judge William T. Lawrence

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (June 26, 2019): The Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that a retirement ceremony for Senior District Judge William T. Lawrence will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Indianapolis, Indiana. Chief Judge Magnus-Stinson will preside over the ceremony in the William E. Steckler Ceremonial Courtroom (courtroom 202). Judge Lawrence's retirement is effective on June 30, 2019.

Chief Judge Stinson remarked, "Judge Lawrence's departure from the bench is a bittersweet time. My fellow judicial officers and I will miss his sense of humor, kindness, and his contributions to the law – including, of course, the caseload that he carried while on senior status. At the same time, we are delighted that he is leaving to enjoy the fruits of his many years of labor and wish him and his family well as they embark on a new chapter in their lives."

William T. Lawrence was sworn in as a Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on June 26, 2008. His appointment by President George W. Bush followed his service as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of Indiana, a position he had held since November 2002. Judge Lawrence was the first Magistrate Judge in the Southern District to become a District Judge.

Prior to being a Magistrate Judge, Judge Lawrence was an elected Judge of the Marion County Circuit Court from 1996 to 2002, after serving as a part-time Master Commissioner there for 13 ½ years. He served as a part-time Public Defender in the Marion County Criminal Court IV for nine years.

In 1980, Judge Lawrence was appointed Executive Director of Indiana's first Merit Selection Commission on Federal Judicial Appointments by Senator Richard Lugar. He served on the Indianapolis Fire Department Civilian Merit Board from 1983 to 1989. He has been a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association since 1973. Judge Lawrence was elected to the Board of Directors of the Indiana Judicial Conference in September 1997, where he served on the Court Management Committee. He was re-elected in 1999 and in 2001. In 1997 he was appointed, and then re-appointed in 1999 and 2001, as Chairman of the Indianapolis Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education Commission. He was nominated in 1997 as a "Fellow of the Foundation" by the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and currently serves as "Master" in the Sagamore American Inn.

Judge Lawrence graduated from Mooresville High School in 1965 and attended Louisiana State University from 1965 to 1968. He graduated from Indiana University in 1970 and Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1973.

The retirement 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.