

PRESS RELEASE

United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

Women's Voices in the Courtroom event set for January 25, 2019

INDIANAPOLIS (December 18, 2018) — For the first time in history, the chief judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana are all women. Additionally, women currently serve as the chief justice of the Indiana Supreme Court and the chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals.

In recognition of this remarkable circumstance, and in wider celebration of the many contributions women have made to the law, a collaboration of federal and state courts, bar associations, and law firms has developed a special event titled "Women's Voices in the Courtroom." This program will take place on Friday, January 25, 2019, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm in the Sarah Evans Barker Courtroom at the Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

From 1:00-2:00, a panel comprised of Chief Judge Diane P. Wood, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Chief Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana; and Chief Justice of Indiana Loretta H. Rush will comment on their observations and impressions regarding gender in the courtroom and in the judiciary in a session titled "View from the Bench." Chief Judge Nancy Vaidik, Indiana Court of Appeals, will moderate this conversation.

Then, after an introduction by Chief Bankruptcy Judge Robyn L. Moberly, Julie Manning Magid, Executive Director of the Tobias Leadership Center and Professor of Business Law at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, will provide an overview of recent studies about women in the legal profession.

Two additional panel discussions will follow. The first, "View Through the Years," will bring together female litigators from different decades to compare and contrast their experiences. United States Magistrate Judge Doris L. Pryor will moderate. The second panel, moderated by Alice Morical of Hoover Hull Turner LLP, is the "View from the Client." This panel of in-house counsel will discuss whether and how their companies consider gender when hiring outside counsel, and whether and how outside counsel hiring practices have changed in recent years.

Registration is required for this event, and space is limited. RSVP by January 23 by [clicking here](#). There is no cost to attend, and 2.9 hours of Continuing Legal Education credit are pending approval.

Members of the media are welcome to attend but asked to contact the District Court's Press Liaison, Doria Lynch, at Doria_Lynch@insd.uscourts.gov or (317) 229-3729 in advance.