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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
SELECTS NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Rochester, NY – The United States District Court for the Western District of New York has selected Colleen D. Holland as a new Magistrate Judge. Ms. Holland currently serves as Special Counsel to Chief Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford. She fills the Magistrate Judge vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Marian W. Payson, effective January 4, 2025. Ms. Holland will be sworn in and hold court at the Kenneth B. Keating United States Courthouse in Rochester, New York.

Ms. Holland is a 2006 graduate of the University of Rochester, where she received a B.S. in neuroscience and a B.A. in German with highest distinction. She went on to Cornell Law School, graduating *summa cum laude* in 2010. Ms. Holland previously worked in private practice in the Rochester area and has served the Court since 2017. Ms. Holland is a member of the Monroe County Bar Association and the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. She and her husband, Matthew, are the parents of two daughters.



The District Judges appointed the Magistrate Judge Selection Committee that screened the applications for the vacancy. Its Chair was the Honorable Debra A. Martin, retired New York State Court of Claims Judge. Other members of the committee included: Rachel Adonis; T. Andrew Brown, Esq.; David L. Cook, Esq.; Jon P. Getz, Esq.; Heidi Schult Gregory, Esq.; Richard A. McGuirk, Esq.; Kit Miller; Liz Novak-

Henderson; Peter J. Pullano, Esq.; Connie Walker, Esq. The Merit Selection Panel recommended five names to the Court after they completed their process.

The Court is confident that Ms. Holland will serve the people of the New York Western District with distinction and integrity and looks forward to welcoming her in her new role.

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