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**United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana**

**U.S. Magistrate Judge Joshua P. Kolar’s Nomination
as a Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit
Creates an Anticipated Magistrate Judge Vacancy**

HAMMOND, Indiana (October 10, 2023): Chief Judge Holly A. Brady, on behalf of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, congratulates Magistrate Judge Joshua P. Kolar on his nomination to a circuit judgeship for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. President Joseph R. Biden made the nomination on July 27, 2023. If confirmed by the Senate, Judge Kolar would fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Michael S. Kanne.

Chief Judge Holly A. Brady remarked on behalf of the Court, “The judges of the Northern District of Indiana are extremely proud that Magistrate Judge Kolar has been nominated to continue to serve his Country as a member of the Seventh Circuit. Josh has been a tremendous asset as a member of the judiciary for the Northern District. His work ethic is unparalleled. While Judge Kolar’s thoughtful and humble approach to the matters pending before him will surely be missed by the bench, the bar and litigants, the judges anxiously await Judge Kolar’s much deserved confirmation.”

Judge Kolar was appointed to his current position on January 1, 2019, by the District Judges of the Northern District of Indiana. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kolar served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Indiana (2007 – 2018), which included serving as the National Security Lead in that office from 2015 - 2018. Since 2009, Judge Kolar has served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, was on active duty in Afghanistan from 2014 – 2015, and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His career also includes work as an associate at Mayer Brown LLP (2006 – 2007 and 2003 – 2005) and as a law clerk for Judge Wayne R. Anderson of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2005 – 2006).

Judge Kolar was born in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Juris Doctorate in 2003 from the Northwestern University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999 from Northwestern University.

A public notice seeking applicants to fill the anticipated U.S. Magistrate Judge vacancy has been posted on the Northern District of Indiana's website and can be accessed here: <https://www.innd.uscourts.gov/employment>. Interested candidates should follow the instructions provided in the public notice to apply.

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.

Questions can be directed to Clerk of Court Chanda J. Berta at (574) 246-8046.