



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

PRESS RELEASE

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Chief United States District Judge Michael J. Reagan announced today that the district judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois have selected Reona J. Daly to fill the upcoming vacancy for United States Magistrate Judge in Benton, Illinois. The selection was made from nominees submitted by a Merit Selection Panel consisting of attorneys and lay persons residing within the district. Ms. Daly will fill a vacancy created when United States Magistrate Judge Philip M. Frazer retires in September 2016.

Reona Daly is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude) in Business Administration and English. She obtained her Juris Doctorate (cum laude) from Southern Illinois University School of Law.

Ms. Daly has served as Associate General Counsel for Southern Illinois University in Carbondale since 2010. Prior to serving as Associate General Counsel, Ms. Daly worked as a Senior Associate at the law firm of Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard from 2005 to 2010. Ms. Daly also served as an Assistant Illinois Attorney General in the General Law Bureau from 2000 to 2004.

The term of office of a magistrate judge is eight years, with the opportunity to renew the appointment for additional terms. Ms. Daly will begin her term on September 9, 2016.

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