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Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, announced today that Attorney Kathleen B. Burke was sworn in on August 20, 2011, to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge in Akron. Magistrate Judge Burke was selected by the Judges of the District Court to serve an eight-year term. She replaces Magistrate Judge Benita Y. Pearson, who was appointed as a District Judge on December 27, 2010. Judge Oliver said “we are extremely pleased to have Kathleen Burke join the court as a Magistrate Judge. She has distinguished herself as a practitioner and I’m sure she will do so on the court.”

Magistrate Judge Burke received her Bachelor’s Degree from St. John’s University in 1969 and her *Juris Doctor* from St. John’s University School of Law in 1973, graduating cum laude.

Magistrate Judge Burke began her law career as an Associate for Jones Day in 1973, and became partner in 1982. While at Jones Day, she practiced civil trial and appellate litigation. In 2009, she was named Executive Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission, serving in that capacity until 2011.

She is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Ohio Women’s Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Foundation, American Law Institute, American Bar Foundation, Cleveland Law Library Association, and Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Cleveland.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio has court locations in Cleveland, Akron, Toledo and Youngstown and serves 5.9 million citizens in the 40 northernmost counties in Ohio.

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