



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**PRESS RELEASE
November 7, 2022**

The Honorable Eric I. Long reappointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge

The Honorable Eric I. Long has been reappointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Central District of Illinois upon the unanimous recommendation of a duly appointed Merit Selection Panel, and with the unanimous concurrence of the District Judges of the Court. Judge Long's reappointment is for a term of eight years beginning on May 4, 2023, when his current term is scheduled to expire. Judge Long will continue to preside in the Central District of Illinois's Urbana Division over civil cases by consent of the parties and preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; discovery hearings, settlement conferences, and various other pretrial hearings in civil cases; and other matters as may be assigned.

Judge Long was appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in 2015. Prior to his appointment, Judge Long served as the First Assistant United States Attorney and Criminal Chief for the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois from August 2013 to May 2015, and as an Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Chief and Branch Chief, from August 2002 to August 2013. Judge Long received his Bachelor of Science Degree in finance from the University of Illinois in Champaign and his Law Degree from Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale.

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