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United States Magistrate Judge Kenneth P. Neiman has advised the Court that he intends to retire on January 5, 2015, the twentieth anniversary to the day of his swearing-in in 1995. Magistrate Judge Neiman has served in Springfield for these last twenty years and was Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Massachusetts from January 2006 through December 2009.

Judge Neiman graduated Tufts College in 1967 and Harvard Law School in 1971. He was a partner in the Northampton firm of Fierst & Neiman from 1981 through 1994. While there, he received the Massachusetts Bar Association's Community Service Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service. Prior to the private practice of law, Judge Neiman served as a legal services attorney with the Center on Social Welfare Policy in New York from 1971 to 1973 and with Western Massachusetts Legal Services from 1973 to 1981. He has also been an adjunct faculty member at Western New England University School of Law and served on the editorial board of the *Federal Courts Law Review* (1999-2006).

Chief Judge Patti B. Saris said: "We will miss Ken Neiman, who has been key to the administration of justice in Springfield. His ethic of hard work and sheer intelligence have been critical in ensuring that the Springfield court has been running smoothly as we await the confirmation of our new federal judge. His warmth of personality will be missed."

District Judge Michael Ponsor said: "Serving the people of Western Massachusetts with Ken Neiman for the past twenty years in the federal court has been both an honor and a pleasure. He is an outstanding colleague and a wonderful man."

Judge Neiman and his wife Jan Dumond Neiman reside in Northampton, MA. They have four children, Jennifer, Anna, Kerri and Matt, and eight grandchildren.