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The Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts have reappointed Magistrate Judge Judith G. Dein to a new term commencing July 30, 2016, upon the recommendation of a Merit Selection Panel appointed pursuant to the Order dated February 3, 2016. Judge Dein was first appointed to be a United States Magistrate Judge by the Court for an eight-year term that commenced on July 31, 2000, and she was reappointed in 2008. From 2009 to 2012, she served as Chief Magistrate Judge for the District.

Chief Judge Saris stated: "The court unanimously and enthusiastically reappointed Judge Dein. She is a smart, hardworking, and pragmatic judge and mediator. Judge Dein also runs the Nelson and Lindsay Fellows programs which provide summer internships to students from Boston and Worcester in the courthouse. On a personal level, she is so funny and witty the court was happy she did not leave us to host a late night show."

As a Magistrate Judge, Judge Dein presides over pretrial matters in all types of civil cases filed in Federal Court and, with the consent of the parties, presides over jury and jury-waived civil cases through judgment. She also presides over pretrial matters in criminal felony cases, and handles petty offenses, misdemeanor and extradition cases through trial and sentencing. In addition, the Magistrate Judges in Massachusetts are the principal mediators in the District Court's pre-trial mediation program, which is available to all civil litigants free of charge. Judge Dein has served as mediator in hundreds of cases over the years, and was instrumental in creating the Mediation Advocates Panel with the Federal Bar Association. This program provides pro bono representation to pro se civil litigants for mediations. In 2011, Judge Dein received a Community Peacemaker Award from the Community Dispute Settlement Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts in recognition of this program.

Judge Dein is a member of the Advisory Group of Magistrate Judges for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. She is also a Fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, and a member of the Board of Editors of the Boston Bar Journal. Judge Dein is active in the programs run by Discovering Justice, an organization which involves elementary, middle and high school students in various law-related programs at the Court. She also teaches numerous programs for lawyers.

Judge Dein is a 1976 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, New York, summa cum laude, and is a member of the College's Board of Trustees. She is a 1979 graduate of Boston College Law School, cum laude, where she was the editor-in-chief of the Boston College

Environmental Affairs Law Review. After graduating from law school, Judge Dein clerked for the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court and for Justice Robert Braucher of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She had extensive civil litigation experience in private practice before being appointed to the bench.

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