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United States District Court Northern District of Indiana

Courtroom Named in Honor of Magistrate Judge Andrew P. Rodovich

HAMMOND, Indiana (January 20, 2023): On January 20, 2023, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana resolved to honor the life, career, and legacy of the Honorable Andrew P. Rodovich by naming the courtroom in which he presides in his honor. In recognition of Judge Rodovich's remarkable service to his community, the State of Indiana, and the United States of America, the southwest third floor courtroom in the United States Courthouse at 5400 Federal Plaza, Hammond, Indiana, in dedication to him is named, *The Andrew P. Rodovich Courtroom*.

Judge Rodovich was appointed a magistrate judge for the Northern District of Indiana on May 3, 1982. He retired on February 28, 2013 but continues to serve with distinction as a recalled magistrate judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Preceding his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Rodovich was a highly respected lawyer from 1973 to 1978, he also served as a referee for the Hammond City Court in 1978, and as Chief Deputy Prosecutor for the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office from 1979 through May 1982. Judge Rodovich taught Trial Practice at the Valparaiso University School of Law from 1985 to 2013, and he taught Criminal Law and Evidence as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence at the Valparaiso School of Law from 2013 to 2016. He has been a leader and role model for all lawyers in the legal profession throughout his legal career.

Judge Rodovich received multiple awards and honors during his 40 years on the bench, including being a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash (2002) and Indiana Trial Judge of the Year (2013).

Chief Judge Jon E. DeGuilio remarked on behalf of the Court, "Judge Rodovich is one of the most respected, well liked, and accomplished judges in the circuit. He is very highly regarded for his ability to conduct trial and achieve resolution of disputes among litigants. He has served both our district and the Northern District of Illinois for many years with great distinction. I have been honored to know him for over forty years, during which time he has served as a mentor and a wonderful colleague. The dedication is a very fitting tribute."

A portrait and a plaque honoring Judge Rodovich have been placed outside the designated courtroom to memorialize the occasion.

The Resolution signed by the District Judges and issued as a General Order can be viewed on the Court's website: www.innd.uscourts.gov. A public event celebrating the naming of the courtroom will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. CST, at which time the Resolution will be formally presented to Judge Rodovich.