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United States District Court Northern District of Indiana

Courtrooms Named in Honor of Judge Rodolfo “Rudy” Lozano and Judge James Tyne Moody

HAMMOND, Indiana (July 29, 2021): On May 28, 2021, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana resolved to honor the historical lives, careers, and legacies of the Honorable Rodolfo “Rudy” Lozano and the Honorable James Tyne Moody by naming courtrooms in their honor. In recognition of the judges’ outstanding and devoted service to the Court and its community, their fourth-floor courtrooms in the United States Courthouse at 5400 Federal Plaza, Hammond, Indiana, are respectively named in memoriam of Judge Lozano, *The Judge Rodolfo “Rudy” Lozano Courtroom*, and in dedication to Judge Moody, *The James Tyne Moody Courtroom*. Both judges were instrumental in the design and construction of the Courthouse in which they are being honored.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Rodolfo “Rudy” Lozano to the bench on February 26, 1988. Judge Lozano served with distinction as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana until his death on July 11, 2018. He continued to maintain a full caseload after becoming a senior judge on July 10, 2007. Judge Lozano was the first Hispanic federal district judge appointed in Indiana and also in the Seventh Circuit. Before his appointment, Judge Lozano was a highly respected lawyer who, throughout his career, was considered a leader and role model for all lawyers in the legal profession.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge James Tyne Moody to the bench on February 9, 1982. Judge Moody assumed senior status on June 17, 2003 and continues to serve with distinction as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Before serving as a federal district judge, Judge Moody served as a Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Indiana from July 2, 1979 until February 23, 1982. Before his federal appointments, Judge Moody was a highly respected lawyer who served as city attorney of Hobart from 1964 until 1973 and East Gary (now known as Lake Station) from 1966 until 1970 and was Judge of the Lake County Superior Court from 1972 to 1979. Judge Moody further served the education community as faculty at Indiana University, teaching business law from 1977 until 1980.

Chief Judge Jon E. DeGuilio remarked on behalf of the Court, “During their respective tenures, Judge Lozano and Judge Moody have served with tremendous dedication and distinction, both to the Northern District of Indiana as well as the many other federal judicial districts in which they have presided. Throughout the country, their colleagues regard them with fondness, respect and appreciation for their tireless service. They have been stalwarts of the rule of law and respectful of the important role of the judiciary in our democracy. And like me, many judges and practitioners regard them as mentors, mindful

of their high character and ability. The dedication of these courtrooms is wholly appropriate and will serve as a constant reminder of their legacy of service to country.”

Official portraits and plaques honoring Judge Lozano and Judge Moody have been placed outside their designated courtrooms to memorialize the occasion.

Resolutions signed by the District Judges and issued as [General Orders](#) can be viewed on the Court’s website: www.innd.uscourts.gov. An event celebrating the naming of the courtrooms will be held at a later date, at which time the Resolutions will be formally presented to Judge Moody and to the family of Judge Lozano.