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United States District Court Northern District of Indiana

Courtroom Named in Honor of Judge Robert Lowell Miller, Jr.

SOUTH BEND, Indiana (February 8, 2022): On January 28, 2022, 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 Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. by naming the courtroom in which he presides in his honor. In recognition of Judge Miller's remarkable service to his community, the State of Indiana, and the United States of America, the third-floor courtroom of the Robert A. Grant Federal Courthouse at 204 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana, in dedication to him is named, *The Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. Courtroom*.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Robert Lowell Miller, Jr. as a federal district judge on December 17, 1985. Judge Miller assumed senior status on January 11, 2016, and continues to serve with distinction as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Judge Miller preceded his appointment to the federal bench with service as a St. Joseph Superior Court Judge from 1975 through 1985, having been appointed to that position at the age of 25. He served as Chief Judge of that court from 1981 until 1983. Prior to his state court appointment, Judge Miller was a law clerk for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

On July 8, 2020, Judge Miller was appointed to a seven-year term on the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review. He also served as Chair of the Seventh Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instruction Committee from 2002 to 2022. Over the years, Judge Miller served on several other committees, including the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources from 2015 until 2021; and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Federal Judges' Association from 2014 until 2015; and as a member of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation from 2003 until 2010. Judge Miller presided over four multidistrict litigation proceedings in the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. He also served as the Seventh Circuit District Judge Representative on the Judicial Conference to the United States from 1997 until 2000, and served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Relations from 1991 until 1997.

Throughout his career, Judge Miller served as chair, lecturer, faculty member or panelist on dozens of continuing legal education programs and seminars presented by the Judicial Panel of Multi District Litigation, the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference, the American Bar Association, the Indiana Judicial College, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, the Indiana

Prosecuting Attorneys Council, the Federal Bar Association, the Indiana Public Defender Council , and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

Judge Miller is the author to four editions and annual updates of the *Courtroom Handbook on Indiana Evidence* published by Thomson West.

Judge Miller received multiple awards and honors during his 46 years on the bench, including being a recipient of the Woods Award, Indiana High School Mock Trial Program (2003), and Sagamore of the Wabash (2006). Judge Miller was also a 2006 inductee to the South Bend Alumni Hall of Fame.

Chief Judge Jon E. DeGuilio remarked on behalf of the Court, “Judge Miller has had a remarkable career of service to the judiciary and our country. During his almost fifty years on the bench he has served with distinction and is widely respected by his colleagues across the nation for both his achievements on and off the bench. His tenure has reflected an unwavering commitment to apply the law equally, with respect and dignity, to all before him. He is truly deserving of this honor, as his career will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration to those who share his respect for the important role of the law in our society.”

A portrait and a plaque honoring Judge Miller 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. An event celebrating the naming of the courtroom will be held at a later date, at which time the Resolution will be formally presented to Judge Miller.