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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
FORT WAYNE DIVISION  
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**U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan L. Collins to Retire July 2025,  
Creating a Vacancy in the Fort Wayne Division**

**Fort Wayne, Indiana (June 28, 2024):** United States Magistrate Judge Susan L. Collins recently announced her intended retirement in July 2025. Judge Collins has an impressive thirty-seven years of public service, including nearly a decade as a Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. Before being appointed as a Magistrate Judge in 2015, Judge Collins served twelve years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Hammond, and sixteen years as a prosecuting attorney for the Lake County Prosecutor's Office. The extent of her involvement in prosecuting complex and high profile federal and state criminal cases cannot be overstated.

Judge Collins is a graduate of Drake University School of Law and DePauw University. She was formerly an Adjunct Professor of Law for the Valparaiso University School of Law, where she taught trial practice. Judge Collins is a recipient of several awards, including the Meritorious Public Service Award and Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Chief Judge Brady said: "the judges of the Northern District of Indiana are grateful for Magistrate Judge Collin's service to the Court. Her well deserved retirement marks the end of an admirable career of public service."

The District Judges of the United States District Court appoint U.S. Magistrate Judges to terms of eight years, and magistrate judges are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. A magistrate judge may retire after reaching 65 years of age and serving more than 8 years.

A Public Notice seeking applicants to fill the vacancy created by Judge Collins' retirement is posted on the Northern District of Indiana's website, and can be accessed at: <https://www.innd.uscourts.gov>