

**United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana**

PRESS RELEASE

The Judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana announce that they have selected Joshua P. Kolar to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Court in the Hammond Division. Mr. Kolar will succeed the Honorable Paul R. Cherry upon his retirement.

Kolar was among 43 people who applied for the judgeship. A panel of lawyers and non-lawyers reviewed the applications and recommended five (5) finalists for the position. The judges on the court interviewed the finalists and selected Kolar.

Chief Judge Theresa L. Springmann said that Kolar “has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for over 11 years and has practiced both civil and criminal law during his career. He has the intellect, demeanor and practicality that will make him an outstanding magistrate judge.” Springmann noted Kolar was chosen from a group of highly qualified applicants and commended the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Committee “for doing an outstanding job of screening the applicants.” Springmann said the judges of the Northern District of Indiana “look forward to having Joshua P. Kolar as a United States magistrate judge on our court.”

A magistrate judge’s duties include conducting most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases and presiding over hearings and the trial in civil cases and misdemeanor cases with the consent of all parties. At the request of district judges, magistrate judges also handle pretrial motions and attempts to resolve civil cases short of trial.

Kolar is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Northwestern University School of Law. He currently is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Hammond, Indiana, and has held this position since 2007. He has handled National Security, public corruption, fraud, narcotics and tax investigations as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. Mr. Kolar has served as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve for almost 9 years and holds the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Kolar will assume office January 1, 2019.