



## United States District Court

### District of Minnesota

Patrick J. Schiltz, Chief Judge  
Kate M. Fogarty, Clerk of Court  
612-664-5000

Warren E. Burger Federal  
Building and U.S.  
Courthouse  
316 North Robert Street  
Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Edward J. Devitt U.S.  
Courthouse and Federal  
Building  
118 South Mill Street  
Suite 212  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Gerald W. Heaney  
Federal Building and U.S.  
Courthouse and  
Customhouse  
515 West First Street  
Suite 417  
Duluth, MN 55802

Diana E. Murphy United  
States Courthouse  
300 South Fourth Street  
Suite 202  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

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## NEWS RELEASE

### United States District Court for the District of Minnesota Oath of Office to Magistrate Judge Dulce J. Foster

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Dulce J. Foster is the newest U.S. Magistrate Judge, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer earlier this year. Chief Judge Patrick J. Schiltz administered the oath of office to Magistrate Judge Foster at the Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse in Minneapolis.

Chief Judge Schiltz had the following statement, “The Court is thrilled to welcome Judge Foster to the bench. She is well known to all of us judges because of her active federal practice and her extraordinary dedication to public service. She is the rare attorney who brings to the bench extensive experience handling both civil and criminal cases. We are fortunate that the next chapter of her long record of public service will be as a magistrate judge.”

Before becoming a U.S. Magistrate Judge, Foster was a shareholder and former chair of the White Collar and Regulatory Defense Group at Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. During her tenure at Fredrikson, she litigated complex False Claims Act and civil business disputes, defended white collar criminal cases, and served as a Criminal Justice Act panel attorney. Foster’s practice also included managing internal and government investigations, developing compliance programs, and conducting anti-corruption due diligence for multi-national corporations.

Foster was the President of the Fredrikson & Byron charitable Foundation, an Advisory Board Member of Children of Incarcerated Caregivers, Treasurer of the U.S. District Court’s History Committee, and a member of the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance. She is a former Executive Board member of the Federal Bar Association’s Minnesota Chapter and former co-Chair of its Diversity, Education, and Prisoner Transportation Project Committees. Foster previously served on the Minnesota Law Review Alumni Board, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program Board,



the Federal Practice Committee of the U.S. District Court, and the MSBA Criminal Law Accreditation Committee.

Foster devoted significant time doing *pro bono* work, representing plaintiffs in civil rights and domestic abuse cases, defending indigent clients in criminal cases, and helping victims of torture obtain political asylum in the United States. She has volunteered with the Advocates for Human Rights for many years, including work in Nepal to support a school for low-income children and work in Liberia with the Liberian Truth & Reconciliation Commission.

Before joining Fredrikson & Byron in 2000, Foster served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge John R. Tunheim. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and Macalester College.

Foster is chambered in the Warren E. Burger Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Saint Paul.

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