



**United States District Court
District of Minnesota**

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NEWS RELEASE

**United States District Court, District of Minnesota
Appointment of Elsa M. Bullard as Magistrate Judge**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Elsa M. Bullard has been appointed as the newest Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, filling the vacancy created when Judge Tony N. Leung retired. Chief Judge Patrick J. Schiltz administered the oath of office to Judge Bullard on June 23, 2025.

Chief Judge Schiltz said, “We are grateful that Judge Bullard decided to return to public service, this time as a Magistrate Judge. Her background as a federal law clerk and as a seasoned litigator make her ideally suited for the job.”

Judge Bullard received her undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point. She was commissioned into the United States Army and served in the Military Police branch until January 2008, including service in Germany, Kosovo, and Korea. In 2011, she graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School.

Upon graduating from law school, Judge Bullard served as a law clerk to Judge Joan N. Ericksen, here in the District of Minnesota. She then moved into the private sector, joining the predecessor firm of Faegre Drinker Biddle and Reath, LLP. Judge Bullard practiced in Faegre Drinker’s business litigation group, and she was selected for partnership in 2020.

Judge Bullard will be chambered in the Warren E. Burger U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in St. Paul.

Additional questions can be directed to Public Information Officer Rebeccah Parks at Rebeccah_Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov.

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