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**United States District Court for the Western District of New York
Selects New Magistrate Judge**

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The United States District Court for the Western District of New York has selected Rebecca F. Izzo to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge. Ms. Izzo will succeed the Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy, who will retire from the position after two decades of distinguished service, effective February 28, 2027. Ms. Izzo will sit at the Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse in Buffalo, New York.

Ms. Izzo currently serves as Career Law Clerk to the Hon. Lawrence J. Vilardo, United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. She previously worked as a Trial Attorney at the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as an associate attorney at WilmerHale LLP in Boston, Massachusetts, and Connors LLP in Buffalo. During her time in private practice, Ms. Izzo had a diverse caseload that included both civil and criminal law at the trial and appellate levels. She also previously served as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit for Hon. Bruce M. Selya and in the District of Rhode Island for Hon. William E. Smith, United States District Judge. Ms. Izzo holds a B.A. from Boston College, an M.A. from New York University, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.



By statute, candidates for United States Magistrate Judge positions are vetted by independent Merit Selection Panels comprised of lawyer and non-lawyer community members. After reviewing applications and completing due diligence, Merit Selection Panels identify the five best qualified candidates and present them to District Judges for consideration. The Merit Selection Panel for this vacancy was chaired by Susan C. Roney, Esq., and consisted of Roney, Jody E. Briandi, Esq.; Joseph S. Brown, Esq.; Cheryl Meyers Buth, Esq.; Vincent E. Doyle, III,

Esq.; Christine Farrow, Ph.D.; Terrance P. Flynn, Esq.; Laurie Lisowski-Frey; John J. Hurley, Esq.; Jason E. Markel, Esq.; Anthony M. Masiello; Brian M. Melber, Esq.; Nancy H. Nielsen, M.D., Ph.D.; Molly Roach, Esq.; and John G. Schmidt, Jr., Esq.

The court looks forward to welcoming Ms. Izzo in her new role and has every confidence that she will serve with integrity and distinction.

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