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Media Advisory
Magistrate Judge Alan Kay Announces His Retirement

WASHINGTON, DC, July 22, 2016 – United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Alan Kay has announced his intention to retire after 25 years on the bench, in December 2016 or when his successor is sworn in. He will be recalled as needed after his retirement so his service to this Court will be continuing.

Magistrate Judge Kay is currently serving in his fourth term as a Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Prior to his judicial service, Kay began his legal career clerking for Judges Alexander Holtzoff and William B. Jones on the District Court for the District of Columbia, and serving both as an assistant public defender and then as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Throughout his distinguished tenure on the bench, he has developed a reputation for both his sharp legal acumen, as well as his unfailingly courteous and fair demeanor on the bench.

“The United States District Court for the District of Columbia is deeply appreciative of Magistrate Judge Kay’s many contributions to the Court and the community we serve,” said Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. “Throughout his nearly three decades on the bench, Judge Kay has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to justice and the rule of law that stands as a model for us all.”

Magistrate Judges are appointed for eight-year terms by the Judges of the United States District Court on which they will serve and are eligible for reappointment to successive eight-year terms. A public notice seeking applicants to fill the vacancy that will be created by Magistrate Judge Kay’s departure has been posted on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia’s website and can be accessed at: <http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/news/vacancy-notice-%E2%80%93-united-states-magistrate-judge>.

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