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October 7, 2026

Mr. Thomas G. Bruton
Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse
219 South Dearborn Street, Room 2050
Chicago, IL 60604

Ms. Candice M. Duncan
Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Alaska
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
222 West 7th Avenue, Room 229
Anchorage, AK 99513-7500

Dear Mr. Bruton and Ms. Duncan:

Enclosed is the Chief Justice's designation of the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to perform judicial duties in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska for the period(s) of November 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 295, please file and enter this assignment on the minutes of your respective courts.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 502-1177 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne McKenna".

Anne McKenna
Senior Attorney
Judicial Programs

Enclosures: (Clerk of Lending Court, Mr. Bruton - Original Designation)
(Clerk of Borrowing Court, Ms. Duncan - Certified Copy of Designation)

cc: Honorable Virginia M. Kendall
Mr. David E. Hollar
Ms. Susan Y. Soong

**DESIGNATION AND ASSIGNMENT
OF A CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
FOR SERVICE IN ANOTHER CIRCUIT**

The Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has certified that there is a necessity for the designation and assignment of a judge from another circuit or another court to perform judicial duties in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska during the period of November 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027. The Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has consented to the designation and assignment of the

HONORABLE VIRGINIA M. KENDALL

Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for such service.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Title 28, United States Code, section 292(d), I do hereby designate and assign the Honorable Virginia M. Kendall to perform judicial duties in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska for the period or purpose stated and for such time as needed in advance to prepare and to issue necessary orders, or thereafter as required to complete unfinished business.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, D.C. 10/5/26

A True copy SCOTT S. HARRIS

Test:

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States

By Danny Edell

Deputy