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SDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS KIM BERG TO SERVE AS PART-TIME MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) has selected Kim Berg to serve as Magistrate Judge, part time, for a term of four years. As part time Magistrate Judge, Ms. Berg will assist District Judges with criminal matters pertaining to several federal enclaves. She will assume the seat occupied by Magistrate Judge Martin R. Goldberg, who will retire in September 2022, after 30 years of service.

Kim Berg is a graduate of Pace University, magna cum laude, and Pace University School of Law, *cum laude*. She has considerable trial and appellate experience in the federal courts where she litigates complex and sometimes novel issues of law in the areas of employment discrimination, wage and hour, commercial, civil rights claims arising out of the 1st, 4th, and 14th amendments, and prisoner rights cases including a case where she was recognized by Top Verdict Searches for obtaining the highest recorded verdict in 2009 in a 14th Amendment deliberate indifference and negligence claim which resulted in an inmate's death. Her legal skills have placed her on the Super Lawyers list for over a decade and accorded her the "Leading Civil Rights Attorney" award in recognition of a legal career devoted to the pursuit of justice for victims of discrimination and civil rights violations and for being well-respected as an attorney who uniformly engages in ethical representation of clients. She will continue to practice law at Gould & Berg, LLP, the firm she co-founded in 2009.

In addition to being an exceptional litigator, Kim Berg is a Part 146 certified mediator actively mediating cases for the SDNY, New York Supreme Courts and Surrogate's Courts, and the Westchester County Human Rights Commission where she also serves as an Administrative Law Judge. She brings to the bench a long record of serving as a speaker in continuing legal education programs and in bar leadership positions including the Federal Bar Council, Federal Bar Association, Westchester County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Westchester Women's Bar Association, and Westchester Women's Bar Association Foundation. She has chaired numerous substantive and practical skills committees, co-hosts an employment law peer group which meets bimonthly, and has served in numerous executive officer positions, including as Secretary for the Westchester Committee of the FBC, President of the WWBA Foundation, and President of the Westchester Women's Bar Association, during which time she formed and continues to run a mentor program for law students at her alma mater.

Kim Berg's breadth of experience litigating complex legal issues, her bar leadership roles, and contributions to the professional development of both law students and lawyers have all prepared her well for the management and disposition of the criminal proceedings over which she will preside.

Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain commented that Ms. Berg's extensive federal litigation and mediation experience will make her a well-rounded member of the Southern District's strong bench. She further noted that Ms. Berg's long ties to the community in the Northern Counties provide her with a firm foundation for assuming Magistrate Judge Goldberg's duties. "We look forward to welcoming Ms. Berg aboard," said Chief Judge Swain.