The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) has selected Sarah Cave to serve as Magistrate Judge for a term of eight years. Magistrate Judges assist District Court Judges with the work of the Court by facilitating the disposition of certain civil and criminal cases. She will assume the seat presently occupied by Magistrate Judge Henry B. Pitman, who is retiring after 23 years of service.

Ms. Cave, a graduate of Colgate University and the University of Michigan Law School, is a partner at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, where she has developed experience in a wide range of practice areas, including contracts, antitrust, securities class actions, accountants’ liability, and commercial litigation. She has worked extensively on several of the largest litigations arising out of the financial crisis, handling major proceedings in the bankruptcies of Lehman Brothers, MF Global, and Bernard L. Madoff Securities, among others. She is currently representing the Kingdom of Denmark in a billion-dollar tax fraud case.

Ms. Cave’s experience extends broadly beyond commercial litigation. She has participated in and tried cases on behalf of corporation counsel, and she has represented a prisoner in a successful habeas action that resulted in his being freed after 24 years in prison. She has completed the New York State Unified Court System’s 30-hour mediation program, and she has been active in various bar associations and legal organizations, including the New York City Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Council. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of New York and Co-Chairs the Board’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee. In addition, she is the Vice President of the Board of the Federal Bar Foundation.

Ms. Cave co-chairs Hughes Hubbard & Reed’s Personnel and Pro Bono Committees. Her efforts have earned her recognition from the legal community. In 2012, she was named a New York Law Journal “Lawyer Who Leads by Example,” and in 2015, she received the Legal Aid Society’s Public Interest Law Leadership Award. Ms. Cave is also a ten-time recipient of the Legal Aid Society’s Pro Bono Publico Award.

“Once again, our Merit Selection Panel sent five exceptional candidates -- any one of whom would have made a wonderful Magistrate Judge -- for the court’s consideration,” said Chief Judge Colleen McMahon. “Sarah Cave has a breadth of experience that equips her well for service on the Southern District of New York: she has handled both private and public sector litigation, trained as a mediator and amassed a record of leadership in the organized Bar. We welcome her as our newest colleague.”

Ms. Cave served as a law clerk to the Honorable Joan A. Lenard, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and as a staff law clerk to the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. She will sit in the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse at 500 Pearl Street.