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### ANITA M. BOOR SELECTED AS INCOMING MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Assistant United States Attorney Anita M. Boor has been selected as the new magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Boor will join the court in May 2024, after the retirement of Stephen L. Crocker, who has served in the position for 32 years.

Boor earned her J.D. in 2014 from the University of Wisconsin Law School. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 2007 with a B.S. in Biology. She was an attorney in private practice with Quarles and Brady, focusing on intellectual property litigation, before she joined the United States Attorney's Office in Madison as a criminal prosecutor in 2022.

Boor was chosen by the judges of the Western District of Wisconsin from among a short list selected by a merit selection panel of five attorneys and two non-attorney community members. The members of the panel were attorneys Laura Przybylinski-Finn, Chair, Nate Otis, Gesina Carson, Jessica Mederson, and Matthew Splittek; and community members Ernest Allen and Susan Baumann. Boor's formal appointment is subject to the FBI background check that all federal judges must undergo.

The court has one full-time magistrate judge, who is the court's point person for all federal criminal pretrial proceedings, handling search and arrest warrants, detention hearings, and suppression motions. The magistrate judge is assigned to and presides over a share of the civil jury trials and manages the other judges' civil and prisoner lawsuits.

Judge Crocker has generously agreed to remain with the court in recall status through the end of 2024 to facilitate the transition.

"The selection panel worked very hard and did a great job. Each of the final candidates was extremely impressive," said Chief Judge James D. Peterson. "Ms. Boor is highly respected in the legal community, and she has a good mix of experience with both civil and criminal cases. Judge Conley and I look forward to welcoming her as our new colleague."