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MAGISTRATE JUDGE TO RETIRE AFTER NEARLY 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chief U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall has announced the retirement of United States Magistrate Judge Joan G. Margolis, who sits in New Haven, effective April 30, 2018. Judge Margolis was appointed on February 4, 1985, and she has served nearly 33 years. She was the first woman appointed United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Connecticut.

A native of New Haven, Judge Margolis graduated from Richard C. Lee High in 1971, where she was valedictorian. In 1975, she graduated from Brandeis University suma cum laude with highest honors in American Studies and also Phi Beta Kappa. In 1978, she graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law cum laude, where she served as Notes & Comments Editor of the Connecticut Law Review.

Magistrate Judges are federal trial court judges who are appointed to the court for eight year terms. Judge Margolis is in her fifth eight year term. Prior to her selection as a magistrate, Judge Margolis was an associate at Wiggin & Dana in New Haven for nearly five years. Before that, she served as one of the first Law Clerks for the Honorable Ellen Bree Burns, who was the first female U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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