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NEW JUDGE APPOINTED TO THE DISTRICT COURT

On October 27, 2021, the United States Senate confirmed Judge Sarala Vidya Nagala as a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. She received her commission from President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on November 3, 2021, and was sworn in that same day by the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill, Chief U.S. District Judge.

Judge Nagala is a 2005 graduate of Stanford University and a 2008 graduate of the University of California Berkeley School of Law. She began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Susan P. Graber of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Following her clerkship, Judge Nagala was an associate attorney with the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson, LLP in San Francisco before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut in 2012. During her tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office, she prosecuted cases dealing with human trafficking, child exploitation, hate crimes, identity theft, and fraud; served as Deputy Chief of the Major Crimes Division since 2016; and served as both the Human Trafficking Coordinator and Hate Crimes Coordinator. Judge Nagala was a visiting lecturer in law at Yale Law School from 2017 to 2019, where she taught a prosecution externship course.

Chief Judge Underhill commented that "Sarala Nagala is an exceptionally intelligent lawyer and is deeply committed to fairness and justice. She possesses a wealth of experience in federal court and the skills needed to make an excellent judge. We welcome her with great enthusiasm to the ranks of judicial officers in our District."

Judge Nagala's chambers are located in the Abraham A. Ribicoff Federal Building in Hartford. She fills the vacancy created by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, who assumed senior status in January 2021.

The District of Connecticut has eight authorized judgeships.

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