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CLERK OF COURT ROBIN DeKAM TABORA TO RETIRE

Robin DeKam Tabora, Clerk of Court for the United States District Court of Connecticut announced that she will be retiring as of December 31, 2021 after over fifty years of distinguished service with the U.S. government.

Ms. Tabora began her career with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Connecticut before joining the Clerk's Office of the District Court, where she served as courtroom deputy clerk to the Honorable José A. Cabranes, and was later promoted to deputy in charge of the Hartford Clerk's Office. She served as deputy in charge for eight years before accepting a position as Chief Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in 2002. Ms. Tabora later returned to Connecticut as Clerk of Court for the Connecticut District Court in October 2007.

Ms. Tabora participated on several national advisory committees, including the District Clerk's Advisory Group, which she chaired for two years; the Space and Security Advisory Council, where she served as co-chair for two years; the Design Guide Working Group; the Circuit Rent Budget Committee; the Forms Working Group; and the Court Reporters Advisory Group. An active member of the Federal Court Clerk's Association ("FCCA") since she joined the judiciary, Ms. Tabora served as circuit director for the Second Circuit, and as chair of the Clerk Mentor program.

As Clerk, Ms. Tabora oversaw many improvements in the District of Connecticut, including conversion to NextGen and upgrades to juror software; the ability of attorneys to e-file new civil cases, and later, to e-file sealed documents; e-vouchers to streamline billing for CJA attorneys; and the prisoner scanning program, which allows litigants in Connecticut's

state prisons to file and receive notices electronically. She began an oral history program interviewing retired and sitting senior judges to document and preserve their role in the judiciary, which was later expanded to include interviews with sitting judges.

During Ms. Tabora's tenure, the District hosted international judges from Turkey, Moldova, the Kyrgyz Republic, and China who were interested in learning more about U.S. values and democratic institutions. In 2016, she was recruited by the Department of Justice to travel to Thailand to train court administrators from Pakistan.

Ms. Tabora spearheaded a number of building projects in the District, including the complete renovation of New Haven's historic courtroom, and upgrades to all other courtrooms with advanced courtroom technology to better serve the public. She played a major role in obtaining approval and funding for a much-needed new courthouse in Hartford, a project that has been approved and partially funded to date.

As Clerk, Ms. Tabora served under four chief judges, Robert N. Chatigny, Alvin W. Thompson, Janet C. Hall, and currently, Stefan R. Underhill. Chief Judge Underhill said "Robin embodies the true spirit of the Clerk's Office Mission Statement, to ensure excellence in serving the public and assisting the court in its core mission of administering justice. She has seen the Clerk's Office through many improvements over the years and has been a leader in showcasing the image of the federal judiciary." Senior Judge Janet C. Hall recalls "I was a newly-appointed Chief Judge and during my first week we were faced with a government shutdown. Robin's assistance in navigating through the possibilities and issues associated with a possible shutdown was invaluable, and her dedication to the Court was unwavering."

Ms. Tabora earned her bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Connecticut. She graduated from Michigan State University, earning a Certificate in Judicial Administration in 2010, and the Federal Court Leadership Program in 2000, a program conducted by the Federal Judicial Center, the research and education agency of the judicial branch.

In parting, Ms. Tabora commented “I am grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as Clerk for the District of Connecticut; a job that I love so much. I am very proud to have worked with the best Clerk’s Office team in the country.”

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