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### **SDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS GARY STEIN TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) has selected Gary Stein 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.

Mr. Stein, a graduate of New York University and New York University School of Law, has more than 35 years of civil and criminal litigation experience. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner at Schulte Roth & Zabel with a wide-ranging practice encompassing both complex commercial and securities litigation as well as white-collar defense and regulatory proceedings. For nearly nine years before that, Mr. Stein was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he prosecuted a variety of primarily financial crimes and served as Chief Appellate Attorney.

Mr. Stein also maintained an extensive pro bono practice. In 2015, he received a New York Law Journal “Lawyers Who Lead by Example” award for his work in the *Hurrell-Harring* case, which culminated in historic reforms protecting the Sixth Amendment right to counsel for indigent criminal defendants in New York State. As court appointed CJA counsel, he procured the first reversal of a conviction on constitutional speedy trial grounds in the Second Circuit in 39 years. Mr. Stein also served on the *amicus* committee of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of New York.

Mr. Stein served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Robert N. Wilentz of the New Jersey Supreme Court and thereafter was a commercial litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison.

“Gary Stein’s wealth and variety of experience as a leading member of the bar in civil and criminal litigation, together with his legal acumen and communication skills, are solid foundations for his work as a Magistrate Judge,” said Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain. “We are delighted to welcome him to the court as a member of our bench.”