



## ***SELECTION OF LAURA D. HATCHER AS U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE***

December 6, 2022

The United States District Court for the District of Delaware is pleased to announce its selection of Laura D. Hatcher to succeed United States Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng upon Judge Thyng's retirement on March 31, 2023. Ms. Hatcher's appointment is subject to completion of an FBI background investigation, which the Court anticipates will be conducted over the next several months.

Ms. Hatcher is currently the Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware. In her five years as an Assistant United States Attorney, Ms. Hatcher has handled a wide variety of civil and criminal matters. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Hatcher worked as a litigation associate with DLA Piper (2012–2017) and Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. (2007–2012).

Ms. Hatcher is a 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law. Before law school, she earned a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland.

Ms. Hatcher's selection was the culmination of a process that included the screening of numerous applications by a Merit Selection Panel as well as interviews by the Panel and the Court. The Court expresses its gratitude to the members of the Panel for their diligent and important service to the Court.

The Court looks forward to welcoming Ms. Hatcher to the bench next year.