

PRESS RELEASE
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The United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, announced today that Lauren Fleischer Louis has been selected by the Court's District Judges to be appointed United States Magistrate Judge. Ms. Louis will fill the magistrate judgeship position vacated upon the retirement of United States Magistrate Judge William C. Turnoff.

Ms. Louis earned her undergraduate degree from Towson University in 1997 and her law degree from Fordham University School of Law in 2000, where she was a member of Law Review and served as Notes & Articles Editor. Ms. Louis originally hails from the Baltimore, Maryland area.

From 2006 until the present, Ms. Louis has been a trial lawyer with the law firm of Boies Schiller Flexner LLP in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Her practice predominantly involved complex commercial litigation, including intellectual property disputes, antitrust violations, civil rights enforcement, professional malpractice defense and class actions. Her practice was split evenly between plaintiffs and defendants. In addition to her civil practice, Ms. Louis has served as a member of the District's CJA Panel and has served as CJA appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants in approximately fifteen cases. From 2001 to 2006, Ms. Louis served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. As a federal prosecutor in the Major Crimes unit, Ms. Louis handled a variety of federal criminal cases, including economic crimes (such as those relating to intellectual property, infringement and securities fraud); narcotics and firearms offenses; identity theft; immigration violations; and computer/internet crimes. In that capacity, she tried over twenty-five jury trials, including fifteen as lead counsel. She also participated in Project Safe Neighborhood, which focused on prosecutions of violent crimes in cooperation with state law enforcement. From August 2000 until November 2001, Ms. Louis served as a law clerk to the Honorable K. Michael Moore, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

The announcement of Ms. Louis' selection culminates a broad search process that began in August of 2017. The Court appointed a selection panel, comprised of leaders in the legal community as well as non-lawyers in the community, to assist with the selection process. Fifty-six well-qualified individuals applied. The selection panel reviewed all fifty-six submissions and elected to interview sixteen candidates in person. Following these interviews, the selection panel recommended five finalists to the Court. The district judges interviewed the five finalists in November of last year. The Court selected Ms. Louis to fill the vacant magistrate judgeship. Ms. Louis' selection was not previously announced pending completion of an FBI and IRS background investigation report, as is standard to the

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appointment process. The procedures followed by the Court in this process are consistent with those approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States and documented in the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' publication entitled The Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges, *Judges Information Series No. 2*.

After an informal swearing in, the Court anticipates that Magistrate Judge Louis will assume her duties at the C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse in Miami effective February 24, 2018. A formal investiture ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Please contact Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, at (305) 523-5001 if you have any questions.

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