



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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JOHN EARLY APPOINTED AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The United States District Court for the Central District of California announces the appointment of John Early as a United States Magistrate Judge. Judge Early, who was sworn in on February 22, 2017, will sit in Santa Ana, the Court's Southern Division. Judge Early succeeds retired Magistrate Judge Arthur Nakazato.

Immediately before his appointment as a Magistrate Judge, Judge Early operated his own law firm representing clients in government investigations and complex civil litigation, including intellectual property, securities, and unfair competition disputes. Prior to founding his own firm, Judge Early served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. Prior to his appointment as a federal prosecutor, Judge Early was a litigator with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Orange County and White & Case in Los Angeles.

Judge Early has trained federal prosecutors from across the country in trial advocacy at the National Advocacy Center, has lectured on various topics relating to trial practice, and has taught Legal Research and Writing at the Chapman University Law School. Judge Early has received numerous awards from federal law enforcement agencies and has served as an appointed member of the District's Indigent Criminal Defense Panel and Civil Mediation Panel.

Judge Early earned his J.D., Order of the Coif, in 1993 from the UCLA School of Law, where he served as an Editor on the UCLA Law Review, and his B.A., magna cum laude, in 1990 from the University of Notre Dame, where he served as a Student Manager for the 1988 National Championship football team.

Including the position now occupied by Judge Early, the Central District of California has 24 authorized full-time Magistrate Judges and one part-time position. The Central District of California is comprised of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. It serves approximately 19.6 million people – nearly half the population of the State of California.

**KIRY K. GRAY
CLERK OF COURT**