

NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE SELECTED

The United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the appointment of Margaret C. Gleason as a United States Magistrate Judge, resident in its Pittsburgh Division. Ms. Gleason will enter on duty on November 9, 2026. Ms. Gleason fills the vacancy resulting from the upcoming retirement of Judge Maureen P. Kelly.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Court's District Judges, and pursuant to federal law, preside over a wide range of proceedings on the Court's civil and criminal dockets, and broadly participate in the full range of the Court's activities and responsibilities.

Ms. Gleason received her Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School in 2005. Before attending law school, Ms. Gleason earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and a Master of Science degree in Economics for Development from the University of Oxford, where she studied for three years as a Rhodes Scholar. Prior to that, Ms. Gleason earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Saint Louis University.

After law school, Ms. Gleason started her legal career serving for two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Gleason then joined the law firm of Jones Day in Pittsburgh, where she has practiced continuously for over 19 years. Her practice has focused on complex civil litigation, including business disputes, trade secrets, and securities and other class actions. She has also maintained an active pro bono practice representing individuals in need of legal services.

Ms. Gleason comes to the Court with a long record of engagement with the Pittsburgh legal community, including most recently serving as the Chair of the Local Rules Lawyers Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Court welcomes Ms. Gleason to federal judicial service, and to the Court's work as it serves the approximately 3 million residents of the 25 counties that make up the Western District of Pennsylvania.