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SDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS VALERIE FIGUERO 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 Valerie Figueredo 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. She will assume the seat previously occupied by Magistrate Judge Freeman, who is retiring after 20 years of service.

Valerie Figueredo is a graduate of the University of Miami and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Ms. Figueredo is currently an Assistant District Attorney at the New York County District Attorney's Office, where she handles criminal appeals. Before joining the District Attorney's Office, Ms. Figueredo worked as an Assistant Solicitor General at the New York State Office of the Attorney General. There, she briefed and argued a broad array of civil appeals in federal and state appellate courts, including appeals raising contract, labor, employment discrimination, and due process and equal protection claims, and also wrote amicus briefs on behalf of multi-state coalitions in cases in the United States Supreme Court.

In addition to her extensive appellate experience, Ms. Figueredo worked as a trial litigator at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Shapiro, Arato & Bach, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Colleen McMahon, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

“Valerie Figueredo’s experience in private practice and public service, including trial and appellate litigation spanning a broad range of civil and criminal matters, federal and state, equips her to meet the case management challenges of the busy Southern District docket,” said Chief Judge Laura Taylor Swain. “We are delighted to welcome her back to the court as a member of our bench.”