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Press Release

GISELLE LOPEZ SOLER IS SELECTED FOR THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITION

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (August 10, 2020)- Chief Judge Gustavo A. Gelpí announced today that on August 7, 2020, the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico unanimously selected Giselle López Soler to serve as Magistrate Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Attorney López Soler will fill the magistrate judgeship position vacated upon the appointment of Judge Silvia Carreño-Coll as a District Judge on March 2, 2020.

In 1997, Attorney López Soler received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in Psychology, from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, and a Master of Arts in Psychology in 2000 from New York University. In 2004, she graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law with a Juris Doctor.

Following law school, from 2004 to 2006 Attorney López Soler began her legal career when she joined the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico as a Law Clerk to the late Judge Salvador E. Casellas. Then, in 2006, she joined Pietrantonio, Méndez & Alvarez, LLC, as an Associate in the Litigation Department. Currently principal at her solo practice, Law Offices of Giselle López Soler, she focuses her practice in civil and commercial litigation, intellectual property and bankruptcy matters.

The announcement of López Soler selection culminates a broad search process that commenced in April of 2020. Chief Judge Gelpí expressed his gratitude to the members of the Merit Selection Panel, chaired by Attorney Patricia Rivera MacMurray. The members of the Panel were attorneys Anabel Rodríguez Alonso, Enrique J. Mendoza-Méndez, Jose B. Vélez-Goveo, Juan M. Masini Muñoz, Laura Maldonado, Mariano Mier, Nilda Navarro Cabrer, Nuria Sabaté Collazo, MD, and Engineer Jussef Miguel Galib.

Attorney López Soler will be appointed to the bench upon completion of a background clearance and other administrative matters.

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