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Press Release

MARIANA E. BAUZÁ ALMONTE IS SELECTED AS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (February 3, 2025)- Chief Judge Raúl M. Arias-Marxuach announced today that, on January 31, 2025, the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico unanimously selected Mariana E. Bauzá Almonte to serve as United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Attorney Bauzá Almonte will fill the magistrate judgeship that will become available upon the retirement of the Honorable Bruce J. McGiverin on March 23, 2025.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Attorney Bauzá Almonte earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science from Brown University in 2000. She then received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where she served as Co-editor in Chief of the Harvard Latino Law Review.

She began her legal career in 2003 when she joined the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico as Law Clerk to the late Honorable Salvador E. Casellas, United States District Judge. In 2005, she became an Appellate Assistant United States Attorney at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico. In 2008, she transitioned to the Criminal Division, where she prosecuted a comprehensive range of federal offenses for eight years, after which she was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Division. Then, in 2016, she was appointed Chief of the Appellate Division, a position she holds to this date.

The announcement of Bauzá Almonte's selection culminates a broad search process that commenced in April 2024. Attorney Bauzá Almonte will be appointed to the bench upon completion of a background check and other administrative matters.

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