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New Judge to Lead U.S. District Court

Judge Susan J. Dlott of Cincinnati has succeeded Judge Sandra S. Beckwith as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Dlott's appointment was effective January 1, 2009.

The Chief Judge is responsible for overseeing the administrative affairs of the courts and serves seven years. The job rotates to the senior judge in the district who has not previously served as chief judge.

Dlott, who was appointed to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton in 1995, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Boston University School of Law. She is a former Assistant United States Attorney and partner with the Cincinnati law firm of Graydon, Head and Ritchey. Currently Judge Dlott serves as the President of the Potter Stewart Inn of the American Inns of Court and a Board member of the YWCA.

For the last six years, Dlott has presided over the implementation of agreements on police-community relations and law enforcement practices, entered into by the City of Cincinnati, the Fraternal Order of Police, and civil rights and community organizations, as well as an agreement between the City and the United States Department of Justice.

In 2006 she received the Fair and Courageous Award from the NAACP, and in 2008 she received the YWCA Racial Justice Award.