



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OHIO**

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Effective September 7, 2024, The Honorable Sarah D. Morrison will become the Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

As Chief Judge, Judge Morrison will not only preside over cases and perform the other functions of an active federal Judge, but also will act as the administrative Judge and be responsible for overseeing the operations of the Court and ensuring that the Judges and Court units (Probation, Pretrial Services and the District Court including the Clerk's Office) fulfill their Constitutional, operational, and administrative duties.

"I am honored to serve as the Chief District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio," Judge Morrison said. "I am confident the Court will continue to serve its constituents effectively with impartiality and fairness."

Judge Morrison will take over the responsibilities from The Honorable Algenon L. Marbley who served in that capacity for five years. During Judge Marbley's tenure as Chief, the Court was ranked as one of the most efficient in the country, and he led the Court through the Coronavirus pandemic.

"I am proud of the accomplishments of our Court over the last five years," Judge Marbley said. "While the Court may have been presented challenges, it remained steadfast in its commitment to its mission of serving the people of the Southern District of Ohio."

Judge Morrison began her legal career by clerking for the Honorable John D. Holschuh with the Southern District of Ohio. She then practiced law from 1998 until 2012 at the firm of Chester, Willcox & Saxbe, LLP (now known as Taft, Stettinius & Hollister).

In 2012, she began serving as General Counsel for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, a state agency that serves as an insurance provider for more than 45,000 employers across the state. After four years, she was elevated to the position of Administrator/CEO.

Judge Morrison was appointed to the bench in 2019.

The Southern District of Ohio covers a broad geographic area encompassing 48 urban and rural counties from just north of Columbus south to the Ohio River. The Court has Courthouses in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton.