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Investiture of Judge Sheryl H. Lipman as United States District Judge

The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is pleased to announce that Judge Sheryl H. Lipman will take the Oath of Office in a ceremony at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law on Friday, August 15, 2014. The Investiture begins at 2 p.m.

Judge Lipman was appointed by President Barack Obama, following the recommendation of Congressman Steve Cohen. She was confirmed as a district judge on April 30, 2014. Judge Lipman was appointed to the position left vacant when Judge Jon P. McCalla assumed senior status. Judge Lipman was officially sworn in on May 23, 2014, and assumed the bench on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Joining her staff are Cathy Gray as her Judicial Assistant, and Zach Hoyt and Michael Kapellas as her law clerks.

Judge Lipman earned her law degree from New York University School of Law in 1987, and her Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan in 1984. Judge Lipman joins the Court after serving as University Counsel for the University of Memphis since 2002. She also served as the Interim Chief of Staff to the President of the University from July 2013 until her confirmation as a district judge. Prior to joining the University of Memphis, Judge Lipman was in private practice in the Washington, D.C., office of Reed Smith. She later worked in Memphis at Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs and Burch, Porter and Johnson.

Judge Lipman was the recipient of the Allen J. Hammond Presidential Service Award at the University of Memphis in 2012, and was also named by the University as one of the 100 Women who made a difference in the University's first 100 years. In 1998, she was chosen by the Memphis Business Journal as a "Top 40 Under 40." Judge Lipman has served on the boards of directors of numerous non-profit organizations in our community, including Facing History and Ourselves, the Memphis Child Advocacy Center, the Tennessee Shakespeare Company, the Memphis Jewish Federation and the Memphis Bar Association, to name a few. She is a Fellow in the Memphis Bar Foundation.

Judge Lipman is honored to receive the Oath of Office from the Honorable Julia S. Gibbons of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judge Lipman served as a law clerk to Judge Gibbons when she sat on the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, the same Court Judge Lipman now joins. Judge Lipman is the first of Judge Gibbons' former law clerks to rise to the federal bench.