



United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
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Washington, DC 20001

Media Advisory

Zia Mustafa Faruqui Sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge

WASHINGTON, D.C. September 14, 2020 — Zia Mustafa Faruqui was sworn in today by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell as a United States Magistrate Judge to serve an eight-year term for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He will preside over civil and criminal matters in Courtroom 4 of the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse.

Prior to his appointment, Magistrate Judge Faruqui served as an Assistant United States Attorney for 12 years, the first three in St. Louis and the last nine at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Earlier in his career, Magistrate Judge Faruqui was a litigation associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in Washington, D.C. He received his B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University. Throughout his career, Magistrate Judge Faruqui has been active in the community and has worked to promote diversity in the legal profession. He served as the Muslim-Arab Outreach Coordinator at the U.S. Attorney's Office and as a member of the Capital Area Muslim Bar Association, and he regularly speaks at community events and serves as a mentor to young students and lawyers of all backgrounds. Magistrate Judge Faruqui has served as a board member of Jobs for Homeless People since 2006.

Magistrate Judge Faruqui fills the vacancy occasioned by the departure of Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson, who served this Court with distinction for over 30 years. He was selected by the Court following a comprehensive selection process. The Court's Merit Selection Panel was chaired by Joseph R. Caldwell, Esq.

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