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**EDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS  
PEGGY CROSS-GOLDENBERG TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Board of Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) has selected Peggy Cross-Goldenberg to serve as a Magistrate Judge for a term of eight years. She will serve on the bench at the Theodore Roosevelt Federal Courthouse at 225 Cadman Plaza East.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Cross-Goldenberg spent more than eighteen years as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Southern District office of the Federal Defenders of New York. She represented individuals charged with federal crimes, supervised trial attorneys, and was responsible for training Assistant Federal Defenders and attorneys on the Criminal Justice Act panel in both the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. She served on the SDNY's Panel Review Committee, which screens and recommends attorneys for appointment to the CJA panel, and was the defense attorney that supported participants in the SDNY's RISE I reentry court. In 2013, she was awarded the W. Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Achievement and Advocacy by the National Association of Federal Defenders.

Ms. Cross-Goldenberg received her J.D. from Columbia Law School, where she was a James Kent Scholar and an Articles Editor on the Columbia Law Review, and received her B.A. with honors from Duke University, where she was student body president and was awarded the William J. Griffith Award for outstanding service to the University. After graduating from Columbia Law School, she clerked for the Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan in the Southern District of New York and the Honorable William A. Fletcher on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Following her clerkships, she began her career as a public defender in the Legal Aid Society's Manhattan criminal defense practice and spent three years representing clients in all stages of civil and criminal litigation at the Manhattan law firm Stillman, Friedman & Shechtman. She teaches Professional Responsibility in Criminal Law at Columbia Law School.

"The Board of Judges welcomes Peggy Cross-Goldenberg to the Eastern District bench," said Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie. "Her long tenure as a Federal Defender, along with her experience teaching and training attorneys, will make her an outstanding Magistrate Judge."

Magistrate Judges are appointed by the District Court Judges to eight-year terms. They assist District Court Judges with the work of the court by facilitating the disposition of civil and criminal cases.