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**PRESS RELEASE**

Chief Judge Miranda M. Du is pleased to announce that Anne Rachel Traum and Cristina Dionne Silva have been appointed by President Biden to serve as United States District Judges for the District of Nevada.

Professor Traum will fill the seat vacated by Robert C. Jones, who took senior status on February 1, 2016. She has been a law professor with the University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law since 2008. Professor Traum previously served with the United States Attorney's Office as an Assistant United States Attorney from 2000-2002, then as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Federal Public Defender's Office for the District of Nevada from 2002-2008. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island in 1991, and went on to receive her law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, California in 1996. Professor Traum will assume the position of a United States District Judge with chambers in Reno, Nevada.

Judge Silva will fill the seat vacated by Judge C. Mahan, who took senior status on June 29, 2018. She has been a judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas, Nevada since 2019. Judge Silva previously served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, then as the Assistant Chief of Litigation of the Domestic Violence Unit. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada from 2011-2019. Ms. Silva received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College in Boston, Massachusetts in 2001, and went on to receive her law degree from the American University Washington College of Law in Washington D.C. in 2007. Ms. Silva will assume the position of a United States District Judge with chambers in Las Vegas, Nevada.

We are delighted that these two highly accomplished individuals will join us as district judges and look forward to serving with them. We express our appreciation to Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Jacky Rosen for working to help fill our two vacancies.