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**EDNY BOARD OF JUDGES SELECTS
LEE G. DUNST 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 Lee G. Dunst to serve as a Magistrate Judge for a term of eight years. He will serve on the bench at the Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Courthouse at 100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Dunst was a litigation partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in New York City, where his practice focused on white collar criminal and civil investigations, as well as complex civil litigation. During his tenure of more than twenty years at Gibson Dunn, he represented numerous clients, including Fortune 500 companies, accounting firms, corporate executives, and special board committees in connection with a wide range of civil litigation and government investigations. From 1995 to 2000, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and was involved in a series of significant criminal investigations and prosecutions. While in government service, Judge Dunst received the Director's Award for Superior Performance from the Department of Justice and also served as the Deputy Chief of the Narcotics Section in Brooklyn. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked as a litigation associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP from 1993 to 1995.

Judge Dunst graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University in 1986 and *cum laude* from New York University School of Law in 1992. During the years between college and law school, he worked as a television news writer at News12 Long Island and later as an account executive at a New York City advertising agency. Following law school, he served as a law clerk for Judge Reena Raggi of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York from 1992 to 1993.

During his legal career, Judge Dunst has spoken and written extensively on white collar regulatory issues, as well as matters concerning civil commercial litigation. He also serves as an Adviser to the American Law Institute's Principles of the Law of Compliance Enforcement & Risk Management project and as a member of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court. Judge Dunst previously served on the boards of the Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center and Democracy Prep Charter School.

Judge Dunst has been recognized for his legal representation of his clients over the years. In 2020, *The National Law Journal* cited him as one of their "Masters of the Courtroom: Our Winning 2020 Litigators" for his role in obtaining a successful civil jury verdict on behalf of a Fortune 250 company, and *The Am Law Litigation Daily* named Mr. Dunst as "Litigator of the Week" for that same successful case. He also has been recognized for his white collar defense and investigation work in *The Legal 500 US* and has been named a "Litigation Star" and "Local Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*.

“The Board of Judges welcomes Lee Dunst to the Eastern District bench,” said Chief Judge Margo K. Brodie. “He is an engaged member of the legal community, and we believe his extensive criminal and civil litigation experience will serve him well as a 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.

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